

# SCV *Gray Line*

News from International Headquarters

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Information contained in the *Gray Line* is for use by all members. Commanders are encouraged to copy those items which directly affect their membership into their camp newsletters, or to include the *Gray Line* in its entirety as a part of your newsletters. Communication throughout the organization is very important and the *Gray Line* offers us a means to provide members with the most up-to-date information on many different topics.

## SCV Membership

SCV Membership which includes over 3,000 Life Members and 72 Real Sons, has seen 232 new membership applications in just the first 12 days of August since the new fiscal year began. Please make sure each of your camp's members is aware that he needs to renew his dues NLT than November 1, 2005 in order to ensure the uninterrupted receipt of the Confederate Veteran magazine. Please do your part to recruit new members and to encourage former members of your camp to reinstate. If you would like a mailing list of your camp's dues delinquent former members, please contact your appropriate army secretary. Please remember that dues renewal period has started and your dues payment cut off date is November 1, 2005 to ensure uninterrupted receipt of the Confederate Veteran magazine.

## Telephones

Please continue to use the member toll free line (800) 380-1896 or (800) MY DIXIE whenever calling the IHQ for normal business. (800) MY SOUTH is designed to be our recruiting line as it is featured on the recruiting coins and literature. This line is answered at night and on weekends by an answering service; however, the SCV must pay for each call they receive and message taken. Please do not conduct routine business on this recruiting line.

## 2006 SCV Membership Directory

Many of you have received an email and/or a written questionnaire, signed by CiC Denne Sweeney, from Harris Publishing Company who is preparing a new 2006 membership directory. Those who have not yet responded to these requests will begin to receive a series of postcards to remind you to send your personal information. The completed questionnaire should be sent to SCV Directory office, P O Box 41065, Norfolk VA 23541-1065. Please do not send your membership directory information to the SCV in Columbia TN. This highly successful project was most recently completed in 2001. Please be assured that Harris Publishing Company will not provide your personal information to any third parties, and submitting your personal information does not obligate you to purchase a directory. If a member of your camp does not wish for his personal information to be included in the directory, he needs only to not respond to either the email or the written requests. It is **not** necessary to contact either the IHQ or Harris Publishing to tell us you do not want to be included.

## Gray Line

The Gray Line is only being sent via email on the internet! Please forward the Gray Line on to all members of your camp as it contains useful information. Any member may receive the Gray Line; however, please be sure that your Army secretary has the current email addresses for your Camp Commander and Adjutant. If neither the Camp Commander nor Adjutant has an email address, please furnish an alternate email address to the IHQ. Please send any additions to the Gray Line email list to [exedir@scv.org](mailto:exedir@scv.org).

## Confederate Veteran Magazine

The next edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine, cover date July August 2005 is currently being printed and should be going into the bulk mail system on August 12, 2005. This follows the magazine you recently received which read June July 2005. The magazine has resumed bimonthly publication. Please be advised that all members and non member subscribers will receive the full six issues to which they are entitled. Any photographs or articles submitted to the Editor in Chief for publication in the camp news section should be sent electronically, if possible, to [eic@scv.org](mailto:eic@scv.org) or mailed directly to Frank B. Powell III, 9701 Fonville Rd, Wake Forest NC 27587. The GEC approved a CV magazine subscription rate of only \$10.00 per year for libraries and schools when purchased by a SCV member or camp. Please take advantage of this offer to ensure your local area is exposed to this fine magazine.

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## **Nashville Reunion**

The 110<sup>th</sup> SCV annual general reunion/convention was held at the Music City Sheraton, Nashville, TN from July 20-23, 2005. The Reunion was a great success with over 660 registered members, representing over 300 camps, in attendance. Elections for vacant GEC positions in the AOT and ATM were held, a vote was taken on whether to merge the old MS Corporation into a new TX corporation, and many other important issues were decided in the business sessions which are summarized in the next section.

## **Nashville Reunion- Summary of Business Sessions**

**AOT and ATM elections-** Jack Bridwell with 299 votes won over Tarry Beasley with 101 votes for AOT Commander and Kelly Barrow with 301 votes won over Kevin Spargur with 99 votes for AOT Councilman. Chuck Rand of LA won ATM Commander without opposition and Chuck Norred of CA won ATM Councilman, also without opposition. All four new officers will serve until the 2006 reunion.

**Merger vote-** The membership voted to merge the MS corporation into a new TX corporation. Please note that Elm Springs is not being sold and the IHQ operation is not being moved to Texas in spite of rumors you may have heard or read on the internet. Voting in favor of the merger plan – 1296 (87.81%). Voting against the merger plan – 167 (11.32%). Abstaining – 13. Motion carried.

**Constitutional Amendment #1** was approved to prorate dues for new members joining in the last six months of the fiscal year such that one can pay the standard \$25 to join plus an extra \$10 if they join in Feb, Mar, Apr (or an extra \$5 in May, Jun, Jul) to join through the following year rather than having their membership technically expire on August 1st of the year they join.

**Constitutional Amendment #2** would offer a discount to Life Members over the age of 80. Life member cost is halved at age 65, and halved again at 80. Amendment passed on a standing vote. Currently, Life Membership is \$500 through age 64, then \$250 for age 65 through age 79, and is reduced to \$125 at age 80.

**Constitutional Amendment #3** would have created an "Indian Territory Division" out of the portion of Oklahoma occupied by the Five Civilized Tribes. The amendment proponent, Dr. Les Tucker, spoke in favor of the amendment. Amendment failed on a standing vote.

The other amendments, and the manner in which they were handled, was not nearly as absolute, and the discussion is summarized.

**Amendment #4** dealt with expanding membership qualifications and the age of membership eligibility. The committee recommended separating the two issues, to consider separately (1) adding language regarding ancestors who were paroled or died in medical furlough, (2) language effectively removing the requirement that a member be 12 years old to join, but not allowing such a member to vote.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the language allowing use of ancestors who were paroled or died on medical furlough. Motion carried on a standing vote. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely the amendment dealing with the age requirement. Motion carried on a voice vote.

After receiving a question from the floor, the parliamentarian ruled that the eligibility language regarding use of a Confederate Marine ancestor was unchanged, and that notification had not been made properly since the portion to be changed was not underlined. Adjutant-in-Chief Dark raised a point of order, arguing that notification was sufficient, given that the text was present in its entirety, that only the underlining was missing. The chair called for a vote of the body on whether they considered the notification sufficient. Motion carried unanimously. Vote on main motion to add the words "Confederate Marine Corps" to the eligibility requirements was approved on a standing vote.

**Amendment #5** proposed an increase in the days of advance notification required for GEC meetings held for the purpose of disciplining a member, camp or division. The Amendments and Resolution Committee made a motion to refer this amendment to the Constitutional Review Committee. Motion to refer failed. The question was called on main motion, which failed.

**Amendment #6** proposed making the positions of Adjutant-in-Chief, Chief of Staff, Editor-in-Chief, Judge Advocate-in-Chief, and Chaplain-in-Chief ex-officio, non-voting members of the GEC. It also would have removed all but the immediate past CIC. After spirited debate, a motion was made to separate Part A (which dealt with the CIC's) from Part B (which made all other officers ex-officio), and delete Part B from consideration. Motion carried on a standing vote. A motion was made to pass Part A, removing all but the immediate past CIC from the council. Motion failed on a standing vote.

**Amendment #7** proposed placing significant restrictions on filing legal actions in heritage violations. AIC Dark made a motion to postpone indefinitely. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

## **Time and Place Committee**

The Time and Place Committee met and selected Concord NC as the host for the 2008 SCV National Reunion. The 2006 SCV National Reunion will be hosted by the General P. T. G. Beauregard Camp 130, New Orleans LA and the 2007 Reunion will be hosted by the Admiral Rafael Semmes Camp 11, Mobile AL.

## National Award Winners

**Best Camp-** The winner of the prestigious Dr. George R. Tabor, distinguished camp award, in an extremely close competition, is the Barnard E. Bee Camp 1575 in Aiken SC, Danny A. Francis, Commander. Congratulations is also due the two runners up: General Ellison Capers Camp 1212 in Moncks Corner SC and the Secession Camp 4 in Charleston SC.

### Scrapbooks-

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

**Judah P. Benjamin Award** for the best Scrapbook for camps with 50 or more members has co winners, the General Richard Taylor SCV Camp 1308, Shreveport LA, David H. Hill, Commander and the BG Benjamin G. Humphreys SCV Camp 1625, Indianola MS, Earl M. McCown Jr, Commander.

**Historical Project- Dr. James B. Butler Award** for the best historical project was won by Secession Camp 4, Charleston SC for the Recovery and reburial of Confederate bodies from Mariners Cemetery, Johnson Hagood Stadium, Randy Burbage, Project Director.

**Best Web Site- General Samuel Cooper Award** for the best website is The Tennessee Division, [www.tennessee-scv.org/](http://www.tennessee-scv.org/), Allen Sullivant, Webmaster.

**Newsletters- Dr. Paul Jon Miller Award** for the best newsletter among camps with fewer than 50 members is THE GUIDON, Colonel Sherod Hunter Camp 1525, Phoenix, AZ, Robert Perkins, Editor.

**S.A. Cunningham Award** for the best newsletter among camps with 50 or more members is the SUMTER SECESSIONIST, Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78, Americus, GA, Daryl Hutchinson, Editor.

**Dewitt Smith Jobe Award** for the best Division newsletter is THE LOST CAUSE, Kentucky Division, Don Shelton, Editor.

**Recruiting- Edward R. Darling Award** for the top recruiter in the Confederation is Vernon N. Padgett, Ph. D who is the Adjutant of the General John B. Hood Camp 1208, Los Angeles CA.

**Membership- General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award** for the camp with the greatest gain in membership (33 net) is Jubal Early Camp 1209, Hillsville VA, Andrew S. Jackson, Commander.

**New Camps, Division- General A. P. Hill Award** is shared by the Alabama Division, Leonard Wilson, Commander and the Virginia Division, Brandon Dorsey, Commander with 5 new camps each.

**New Camps, Army- General Albert Sydney Johnston Award** for the Army with the greatest gain in new camps, with 19, goes to the Army of Tennessee, T. Tarry Beasley II past commander.

**Robert E. Lee Gold Medal** which is the second highest award given to an SCV member was presented to Randall B. Burbage (SC), Ronald E. Casteel (MO), and W. Danny Honnoll (AR).

**Jefferson Davis Chalice** was presented to Past Commander in Chief Ron G. Wilson (SC). This is the highest award which may be bestowed on an SCV member and consists of an engraved silver chalice, a medal and a certificate.

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**Sam Davis Youth Camp-** The third annual Sam Davis Youth camp was held on the site of Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone AL beginning on Sunday, July 31, 2005 and concluding on Saturday, August 6, 2005. The camp was a great success this year with 37 young men and 8 adult counselors participating.

**Stan Watie Scholarship Winners-** Charles Britton, Committee Chairman, has announced the SCV has awarded six \$750 college scholarship awards to Michael Greenleaf (FL), John-Paul Leonard (TX), Hugh Linton (NC), Michael E. Robinson (IL), Jonathan Lee Sink (NC), and Richard B. Walls (KY). Congratulations to each of these fine students who is the descendant of a Confederate with honorable service to the CSA.