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## Upcoming Events

The annual Fish-Fry at Montauk State Park, hosted by the Colonel Emmett MacDonald Camp #1846 will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring a covered dish and be prepared to have a good time.

The Missouri Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars will host their annual Secession Day Dinner at Arrow Rock, Missouri on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Good News From Newtonia....**The Ritchey Mansion which is considered to be one of the most historic Civil War sites in southwest Missouri has recently been purchased by the Newtonia Battlefields Protection Association. With the addition of the Ritchey Mansion and the Chapman-Harwell property the Association now has title to the heart of the 1862 Battle of Newtonia. A tour of the mansion was conducted September 14<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Newtonia Fall Festival. You may join the Newtonia Battlefield Association by sending your \$5 annual membership fee to: Newtonia Battlefields Protection Association, General Delivery, Newtonia, MO. 64853 or visit their web site at: [www.civilwarnewtonia.com](http://www.civilwarnewtonia.com)

**Not So Good News From Lone Jack:**Land developers have recently disclosed plans to bulldoze a significant portion of the Lone Jack, Missouri Battlefield in order to erect housing and commercial structures. While these designs are not set in stone, it would take a miracle for them to change their plans. For more information you can view their web site at: [www.geocities.com/lone\\_jack\\_mo/](http://www.geocities.com/lone_jack_mo/)

**Historic Blandford Church and Cemetery.....**On May 8, 1866 the Petersburg Ladies Memorial Association

conceived the idea of developing a Confederate Memorial Ground for those soldiers who sacrificed their all during the War for Southern Independence in Virginia. The grounds were arranged by section and each section was assigned to a Southern State. Missouri's Confederate soldiers interred there include:

- [1] W. Adams.....Co. C, 5<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.
- [2] Wm. F. Adams.....Co. F, 1<sup>st</sup> N. E. MO Cav.
- [3] Jeremiah V. Griffin, Co. B, 5<sup>th</sup> MO ,
- [4] David M. Longacre, Co. E, 10<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.
- [5] Isaac Moles, Co. E, 4<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.
- [6] Josephus Matlock, citizen Montgomery Co., MO.
- [7] R. A. Munn, Co. F, 12<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.
- [8] Robert Raney, Phelan=s MO Cav.
- [9] Thomas J. Revel, Co. A, 8<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.
- [10] J. Vaughn, Co. C, 5<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.
- [11] W. W. Walker, Co. G, 7<sup>th</sup> MO Cav.

*On Holy Ground by Compatriot Thomas E. Guinn  
I stood this day in fire and blood;  
On honored fields of grass and mud.  
This our land where valor rests;  
Southern glory stood the test.*

*I walked among those stones of grey;  
Where gallant warriors here they lay.  
Into the battle bold and loud;  
Confederate Legions like a cloud.*

*With pike and saber into the fight;  
Dixie's men with all their might.  
Passing ages day by day;  
Southern Knights all clad in grey.*

## July 27, 2002 Missouri Division Executive Council Report

The Missouri Division Executive Council met on July 27<sup>th</sup> 2002 at Roslyn Heights DAR Headquarters in Boonville, Missouri. A quorum was present and business was conducted as follows:

[1] The Missouri Division has a total of 457 members. Up from 422 members this time last year. There are now twelve Camps in the Division. The A.C. Riley Camp #791 (17 members) has dropped its membership. The Division will continue to encourage them to re-instate.

[2] The Operating Fund, the Missouri State Guard Monument Fund, the Long Term CD, and the Life Membership fund are all solvent. The Missouri Tax Exempt forms have been renewed and granted perpetuity. An endowment from the estate of Compatriot Jim Wolfe has been added to the MSG Monument fund.

[3] At the April 2002 Missouri Division Convention, John Christensen was re-elected Western Brigade Commander, William Berry was elected Central Brigade Commander, and Jim England was re-elected Eastern Brigade Commander.

[4] It was decided to move the collection of prints and artifacts that the Division has been offering for sale to the newly opened Civil War [sic] Research Center in Columbia, Missouri, where they will be on display. Please contact Commander Wm. Berry for details.

[5] Commander Daleen reported on the progress of the AMissouri Confederate Monuments@ publication. A list of known sites is listed on page 6 of this issue of *The Missouri Confederate*. If you have information on these sites, such as: the date the monument was erected, photos of the site, the reason the monument was erected on this site and by whom... etc. Please forward this information to Commander Gene Dressel. If you have additional sites that should be listed, please send those along also.

[6] Western Brigade Commander John Christensen announced a Brigade Meeting at Lone Jack, Missouri on August 17, 2002. The meeting was well attended

with all but one Camp being represented. Brigade members were notified of National and Division activities, as well as upcoming events in the area. Bill Brown (Shelby Camp #191) gave an excellent presentation and tour of a monument site just South of the City of Lone Jack, where six local citizens were murdered by federal soldiers in 1863.

[7] Commander John Wolfe gave a report on the progress of the Missouri State Guard Monument project. Monuments have been successfully erected at Carthage, Lexington, Republic and Nevada, Missouri. It is planned to set the next monument at Boonville, Missouri, and a committee consisting of: John Wolfe (chairman), Rick Perry, Neil Block, Bill Berry and Dan Ballew, was set up to accomplish this. Other monuments are planned at Athens, Missouri and Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

[8] The Gaylord Patrick O=Connor Missouri Silver Star Award was discussed. This award has at times caused discord within the Division, and it was decided that it be discontinued. It was also decided that a five man committee be set up to define the criteria and qualifications for each specific award that is presented by the Division. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact Commander Dressel.

[9] Commander Wm. Berry announced that the 2003 Missouri Division Convention will be held on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Lenoir Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. In an effort to maximize attendance, costs for the Luncheon and Dinners will be held to a minimum. (\$10 and \$12 respectively) There will be a free Bar-B-Que on Friday evening and a series of bus tours on Saturday afternoon. The Boone County Historical Society will have a special display of Confederate items.

[10] Bill Brown reported that the Lone Jack Battlefield is once again being threatened by land developers. Jurisdiction over this important historic site is divided among several rival organizations and there is no overall preservation plan. The Missouri Division is dedicated to insure that the integrity of this site is not compromised.

## 2002 SCV Convention, Memphis, Tennessee

Twenty-four Missouri Division Compatriots attended the 107<sup>th</sup> National SCV and MOSB Convention in Memphis, Tennessee during the week of July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002. Headquarters was at the elegant Peabody Hotel, and was hosted by the General N. B. Forrest Camp #215. This Reunion was the largest in recent memory, with over 1,600 in attendance.

Delegates met in the main conference room of the Peabody for opening ceremonies on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Highlighting the event was the appearance of six splendidly mounted Confederate Cavalry troopers led by General Forrest. Another actor portraying General Robert E. Lee greeted the 107<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This was accompanied by the grand procession of flags of the Confederate States. Missouri Division Color Sergeant Art Deterding was one of the flag bearers in this fantastic opening ceremony!

Opening Ceremonies were followed by the SCV Business session which lasted til noon. The MOSB Awards Luncheon saw Curtis Hopper and Gary Ayres win the Rebel Club recruiting Award and Curtis Hopper win the Commander General=s Award. On Friday (August 2<sup>nd</sup>) at the SCV Awards Luncheon Rick Perry, Neil Block, Gary Ayres and Gene Dressel were awarded the Dixie Club recruiting Award. Doug Culp won the Commander-in-Chief=s Award. Dan Ballew, Gene Dressel, and Darrell Maples won the Meritorious Service Medal. Ron Casteel, Pat Hardy and Larry Limpus won the Distinguished Service Medal. A very good showing for the Missouri Division. The assembly was then entertained by Linda Carol Forrest, G-Grand Daughter on General Nathan Bedford Forrest. She is an accomplished vocalist, and presented a medially of Southern songs.

The 2002 elections for National officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans was held on Saturday (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) There were four candidates for the office of Commander-in - Chief. A run-off election had to be held since no one received the required majority to win on the first ballot. The final winner was Ron Wilson from South Carolina. That afternoon the Army

of the Trans-Mississippi Department elected John C. Perry of Texas as ATM Department Commander, and Beau Cantrell as Councilman. In a rather contentious race, Mr Hawks won over Kirk Lyon as Army of Northern Virginia Commander, and Henry Kidd was elected ANV Councilman. Allen Trapp was elected Commander of the Army of Tennessee Department. Ammendments I, II and III which would have moved the dates of conventions back one week, were withdrawn. Amendments V thru XI, which would have removed age requirements for membership were defeated. Amendment XII which would have moved the dues date back to November was defeated. Amendments XIII thru XV, which would extend membership requirements were withdrawn. And Amendments XVI thru XIX, which would have removed Past-Commanders-in-Chief from the General Executive Council, failed.

Other Awards presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> Reunion included: Camp of the Year; 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Frontier Camp #1904 of DeLeon, Texas. Two Camps tied for the Membership Award. #1939 of Savannah, TN and Camp#1423 of Charlotte, NC both recruited 59 new members each! The Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department won the Best Division Award with 12 new Camps being added this year. Best recruiter was won by Allen Ashley of South Carolina who personally recruited 67 new members!

Compatriots, the Reunion was not all work. Saturday the Missouri Delegation attended the Grand Ball and presentation of this year=s debutantes. More than 1,500 attended this gala celebration. Lastly, our Missouri Chief-of-Staff was shot down by Peabody PC control when he requested to decorate the Peabody Ducks with Confederate Capes! Revenge was sweet however, when a Maryland Delegate accidently decorated the Duck Fountain with a bottle of Maurice=s Bar-B-Que sauce when it fell from his luggage cart and broke in the pool.

ALL FOR THE CAUSE AND MISSOURAH!!!!

Respectfully submitted by;  
Dan Nohorses Ballew  
Chief of Staff  
Missouri Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

# CAMP NEWS

**The Colonel John T. Coffee Camp #1934** of Stockton, Missouri has been very active for the past few months and has initiated several innovative projects. Their Library Program gives lectures and donates publications to several local libraries. This summer they have contributed to the Cedar County, Stockton, Carthage, Butler and Harrisonville Libraries. Publications donated include: *The Fight for Missouri, The South's Finest, The Civil War in Missouri- Day by Day, and Bitter Tears*. The camp works with Two Trails Publishing for their book selections. It is a good and worthwhile program that all camps could follow. The Coffee Camp is also in the process of erecting a monument to the men of the Missouri Brigade in St. Clair County. The site is the spot where General Price would stand and review his more than 12,000 Missouri troops on the parade ground. It is now a roadside park which will provide high visibility and good SCV advertisement. The Camp mourned the death of Compatriot Hillary Gene Ayres who passed away on 16 August 2002. His son, Gary Ayres is the Commander of the Coffee Camp. Our condolences go out to the family.

**The Colonel James J. Searcy Camp #1923** of Columbia, Missouri dedicated a monument at Mount Zion Church, just north of Columbia on June 2, 2002. The beautiful gray granite monument is located in the churchyard, and commemorates the men of the Missouri State Guard who gave their lives on this battlefield. In July they dedicated a Confederate marker to Francis Marion Patton, Company K, 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry. Military honors were conducted at Smith's Chapel. The Camp has also set up a Civil War Research Center in Columbia which will feature items from the Missouri Division SCV collections and many other research items. On July 17<sup>th</sup> the Camp toured the Centralia, Missouri Battlefield. The tour was conducted by Chris Edwards and Jack Chance, who have done extensive research on this battlefield.

**The Major James Morgan Utz Camp #1815** of Florissant, Missouri attended the Alton Small Pox Island Monument Dedication on April 27, 2002. The monument was erected on the Missouri shore, by the Army Corps of Engineers at a cost in excess of \$90,000. Commander Bowden represented the Missouri Division SCV at this function. The Camp had their annual Confederate Memorial Day services at Fee Fee Cemetery in Bridgeton, Missouri on April 28<sup>th</sup> this year. It was well attended and featured

several guest speakers. This event has grown considerably since its inception and this year more than sixty folks attended. Guest speakers included Gordon Baum, Bill Bowden and radio personality, The Couch Potato. It was a great event!

**The William T. Anderson Camp # 1743** of Huntsville, Missouri held their annual Camp Picnic and Ice Cream Social at Roanoke, Missouri on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of Confederate flags and good eats. The event is held in conjunction with the Roanoke Band Concert and many patriotic Confederate tunes were played. The Camp plans to set up recruiting tables at the Randolph County Old Settlers Days in Huntsville on September 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> and Sterling Price Days in Keytesville that same weekend. On October 4<sup>th</sup> they will be at the Pecan Festival in Brunswick, Missouri., and on the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, they will be at the re-enactment in Palmyra, Missouri. Palmyra will be a maximum effort event for the Camp and they will participate in the parade and set up recruiting tables. The Camp mourned the loss of Larry James McCloud. Mr. McCloud was a Charter member of the Anderson Camp and served as Camp Quartermaster. His brothers, Paul, Alan and Bill are all Camp members and his mother Ruth, is a life long member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. May we cherish his memory and hold his strength of character with each of us in the days and years ahead. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Division go out to his family.

**The General J. H. McBride Camp #632** of Springfield, Missouri is working with the Texas County Historical Society to place a monument to General McBride in Houston, Missouri. The Camp hosted Confederate Memorial Day at Springfield National Cemetery on June 2<sup>nd</sup> this year in conjunction with the Missouri Confederate Cemetery Association. In May the McBride and the Emmett MacDonald Camps assisted the National Parks Service at Wilson's Creek by clearing brush and trees by the Ray House. This is part of an ongoing project of community service by these Camps. The July meeting featured guest speaker Richard Lusardi, Superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Mr. Lusardi has been working hard to restore this hallowed ground back to the way it was in August of 1861. He is also working on the new research library and restorative landscaping throughout the park. The McBride Camp is an

integral part of this work.

**The Elijah Camp #570** held their Spring Muster in Fulton, Missouri on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Featured guest speaker was Jerry D. Morelock Ph.D., who is the Executive Director of the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in Fulton. Dr. Morelock gave an excellent presentation on Guerrilla Warfare in Kansas and Missouri 1856-1865, which included some lesser-known aspects of the partisan conflict in this part of the country. In January, Adjutant Don Ernst was the guest speaker at the Fulton, Missouri Rotary Club. It was a two part program that included instructions on finding, recording and photographing old cemeteries and a presentation on the Missouri Division SCV monument programs. The talk also included the Confederate graves research project being conducted by the Gates Camp. The Camp sent a donation to the Mrs. Alberta Martin Fund. Mrs. Martin is currently in a nursing facility in Alabama and is in need of financial assistance. In March of this year the Gates Camp set up an information table at the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society's Family History Day. Several hundred people attended and the Gates Camp distributed information packets about membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There was much interest in the Camp scrap book which documents the Camp's various community service projects. Camp Historian, Mark Douglas was on hand to autograph copies of his recent publication, *Soldiers, Secesh and Civilians*. The following day, the Fulton Sun Gazette featured Mark Douglas and his book on the front page of their newspaper. The Camp has worked with the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society to display an outstanding collection of United Confederate Veteran's medals, ribbons, commendations, books and artifacts belonging to Captain Thomas C. Holland, 28<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. Captain Thomas also served as Eastern Brigade commander of the Missouri Division, United Confederate Veterans.

**The General J.O. Shelby Camp #191** of Warrensburg, Missouri held their March meeting at Lee's Summit Historical Society. Elections were held and Keith Daleen was elected Commander, Robert Painter 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander and Bill Brown was elected Adjutant. On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Camp held their meeting at the Higginsville Confederate Veterans

Home. Confederate Memorial Day services were held that morning also. They were joined by members of the Quantrill Society, the Independence, Missouri Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Higginsville Confederate Memorial Friends Association. Jim Beckner served as Master-of-Ceremonies at this memorial, and did an excellent job. Chuck Walker of Western Virginia brought greetings from the Turner Ashby Camp #1767 of Winchester, Virginia. Chuck is also webmaster of the SCV Dispatch. Two original publications that were from the Veterans Home Library were presented to the DNR site superintendent, Kurt Senn. The Kansas Division provided the color guard for the ceremonies. On August 17<sup>th</sup> the Shelby Camp hosted a Western Brigade meeting at Lone Jack, Missouri. The meeting was well attended and after the business session the assembly was treated to a lecture and tour by Bill Brown on the Six-Man Massacre Site just South of Lone Jack.

**General Sterling Price Camp #145** of St. Louis, Missouri held their annual WBTS Swap Meet at Jefferson Barracks which netted considerable revenue and potential recruits. The Camp has made donations to the Alberta Martin Fund and to the Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Fund in Richmond, Virginia. In April, the Price Camp hosted the Missouri Division Convention and Confederate Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks National cemetery. The Camp also participated in Memorial Day services at the Barracks on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and attended a picnic afterward. The National Convention that was held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis this year was the original home-site of Colonel Minor Meriwether. Colonel Meriwether was the father of Lee Meriwether who was commander of Sterling Price Camp in St. Louis for many years. Lee was born in 1862 and died in 1966. He had the distinct honor of having met both Generals Robert E. Lee and Nathan Bedford Forrest. The trip to the Peabody Hotel was a true pilgrimage for Price Camp members. A special room in the Peabody is dedicated to Colonel Meriwether and gives a detailed history of his adventures as well as those of the United Confederate Veterans. On September 9<sup>th</sup> the Camp held their traditional Sterling Price Birthday Celebration. This years guest speaker

# CAMP NEWS .....(continued)

was Charles Workman, noted historian, gunsmith and collector of WBTS firearms.

# NEWS & VIEWS FROM AROUND THE CONFEDERACY

## REPARATIONS

*an essay by Bob Arnold*

If I were a Black American, here are a few questions that I would be asking myself.

[1] How and why should we be asking the same government which freed us from slavery to compensate us for that slavery? Seems to me that we should be thanking them.

[2] For two hundred years our slave ancestors received free housing, food, clothing, medical attention, support for our young and old, recreation and Christianity in exchange for our labor, some of which consisted of only a few hours per day. We haven't had that good a deal since - except those of us who have been in prison. So what 's to reparate for?

[3] When made freedmen overnight in 1865, we had our opportunity for revenge, if that is what we had wanted. We were put in charge of local government and economy all across the Southern States and we blew it. Now we are asking for reparation because we couldn't handle the responsibilities handed to us on a silver platter back then? We should be ashamed of ourselves. Its like, we couldn't handle the responsibility of self-government then, so now 135 years later we'll just take the money and/or land, instead.

[4] President Lincoln, in one of his campaign speeches, presented his personal view that we should all be shipped back to the land of our origin. How close did we come to that fate on the heels of the White man's civil war? Are we asking for reparations because they kept us here?

[5] We cannot fairly compare our request for reparations with that of the Jews, American Indians or Japanese. In the case of the Holocaust, we are talking mass murder. In the case of the American Indians we are talking about the loss of an entire country and culture. In the case of Japanese imprisonment during WWII we are talking about an emergency national security measure. Hawaiian/Japanese were known to have collaborated with the attacking forces during the attack on Pearl Harbor. There was no time to sort them all out on the

mainland. To compare Black history with these examples is to compare the proverbial apples and oranges.

[6] Why is it OK for us to belittle or totally disregard Whitey's pleas for the preservation of his historical memorabilia and relics, but historical matters which might put money in our pockets suddenly become socially significant? Is the determining factor whose history is it? If we are awarded reparations on the basis of our history, then maybe Whitey will be next in line with his hand out asking for reparations for what we and our government did to his Southern ancestors during the so-called Reconstruction of his homeland. What's fair for one is fair for all.

[7] Do we need to self-examine our motives and ask ourselves why it is that we seek special considerations on the basis of our skin color, while at the same time we are asking for equality and disregard of our skin color? That's contradictory, self-defeating and hasn't worked yet. We probably have the White man wondering just exactly what it is that we really want.

[8] All things considered, if asked by my government to do so, I would come nearer to digging down in my own pocket to pay for my ancestor's passage to these hallowed shores, than I would ask that same government to pay me for the privilege of being here.

These are the things I'd be asking myself if I were Black.....*Bob Arnold*

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**THOMAS JEFFERSON, in his own words.....**

There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talent.

That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part.

It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.

Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself.

Never suffer a thought to be harbored in your mind which you would not avow openly. When tempted to do anything in secret, ask yourself if you would do it in public. If you would not, be sure it is wrong.

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# Missouri Division Camps



Major General Sterling Price Camp #145  
St. Louis, Missouri.....James England , Commander  
Major General J.O. Shelby, Camp #191  
Warrensburg, Missouri.....Keith Daleen, Commander  
General Elijah Gates Camp #570  
Fulton, Missouri.....Richard Williams, Commander  
General John T. Hughes Camp #614  
Independence, Missouri.....Lew Saunders, Commander  
General James McBride Camp #632  
Springfield, Missouri.....John Wolfe, Commander  
General M. M. Parsons Camp#718  
Jefferson City, Missouri.....Darrell Maples Commander  
Colonel Solomon Kitchen Camp#1731  
Dexter, Missouri.....Larry Sanders, Commander  
Captain Wm. T. Anderson Camp#1743  
Huntsville, Missouri.....Neil Block, Commander  
Major James M. Utz Camp #1815  
Florissant, Missouri.....Billy Ed Bowden, Commander  
Colonel James Searcy Camp  
#1923.....William Berry, Commander  
Colonel John Coffee Camp  
#1934.....Gary Ayres, Commander  
Colonel Emmett MacDonald Camp  
#1846.....Rod Shetler, Commander

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