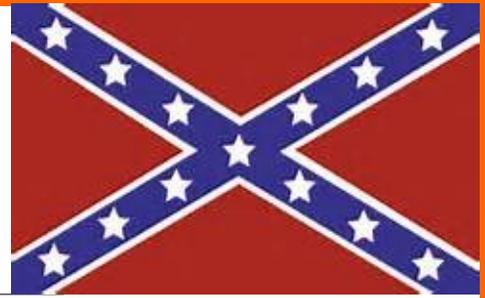


The James T. Huff Camp 2243 News



Commander's Message

Compatriots of Camp 2243,

I can't believe it is already February. It is Groundhog's Day and nothing but sunshine here on Freeman Mountain. I guess we're in for a lot more winter. The snows in late January definitely affected our activities. The Lee-Jackson Banquet scheduled for the 22nd had to be postponed until March 4. This gives those who couldn't attend another opportunity to acquire tickets.

We had a great meeting in January. Six new members joined our camp, bringing the total number to 30. On a proportional basis, we are the fastest growing camp in the Confederation (300% in 21 months).

Plus, we are being recognized more by the local community. Reference the article in the Newport Plain Talk on the last meeting.

The 2016 election season is heating up. As the SCV is a non-political 501c organization, we cannot endorse candidates. But, I ask you to remember the politicians that have condemned the National flag of the South when you go to the polls. One of those is politicking for the VP slot on her party's ticket.

February will be a relatively quiet month for us. The only event on the calendar is our meeting on February 16. I hope to present a program on POW Prisons and Camps, but with Sylvia's current medical

situation I can't promise anything. Speaking of which, I want to thank the camp for all the phone calls, emails, cards, flowers, and prayers during the last week or so. Your support is a big boost for us.

Remember the National Flag Rally on March 5. Nothing definitive is planned yet, but several ideas have been floating around the Brigade. Rest assured, Maj. James T. Huff Camp will be involved in showing East Tennessee we support our Confederate Flag. I may have to call on some of you to take a leadership role in this as I may be preoccupied. Get ready. Until the 16th.....

Deo Vindice

Bill Quinn - Commander

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Special points of interest:

- *The monthly meeting of the James T Huff camp 2243 will be held February 16 at the Sage Brush in Newport. The meeting begins at 6:30*

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From the editor's desk

Many of you are aware that the Washington National cathedral, where Robert E. Lee worshipped, has been considering removing stained glass windows that depict Confederate leaders Robert E Lee and Stonewall Jackson. In recent months the dean of the cathedral Gary Hall led the charge to remove the

windows in an effort to promote eracism.

An online petition has been circulating and currently more than 1,000 people have signed the petition. Recently Gary Hall announced his retirement. Currently the windows are still in place but the fight goes on. I would like to encourage

all our camp members to sign the petition to save the windows at this link: https://www.change.org/p/the-rev-wallace-adams-riley-the-rev-molly-boscher-the-rev-melanie-mullen-st-paul-s-episcopal-church-stop-the-eracism/u/14964470?tk=QoOqImvK3RbbaRQPoZtdB_oVWB1kGizubt8Y0WdetVY&utm_source=



Library proposed for camp members

Camp Commander Bill Quinn has talked with Joe Gibson about putting a virtual library on our camp webpage as we discussed at our last meeting. He just needs to send him a Word document in PDF format and he'll upload it to the page. So, what I need now is a list of books. I'll put

the ones I have been bringing to the meetings and maybe a couple more. I would like for you to give me the names and the author of any books you have that you would be willing to loan out to the other members.

Remember, our agreement was some-

one could peruse the list and if they see a book they would like to read, they can contact the individual who owns it and they will bring to the next meeting. I have handed out contact lists for the camp members. I'll make more available in case someone didn't get one.

Regarding Black History Month

Bryan Green wrote a letter to the editor of his local paper 2 years ago in regards to Black History Month: The letter was never published. Below is the letter in regards to Black History Month.

February has been proclaimed Black History month and as a society we are honoring the many contributions of Blacks to this country; but somehow society refuses to honor the men of color both free and slave that fought, bled, and sometimes died for the Confederate States of America. Revisionist history writers refuse to acknowledge their existence and liberal government agencies have erased their service records from archives, but the truth still remains, Blacks were loyal to their homeland and Country.

In 1891 Tennessee established the Board of Pension Examiners to determine if Confederate veterans applying for pensions were eligible and in 1901 widows were also allowed to apply for

pensions. Of the 16,695 pension applications 269 of them were Black Confederate veterans.

Of the 269 Blacks in gray, one resided in what is now the Lakeway area. Frederick Hord was a 17 year old slave living in Hawkins County. His pension states that he was born on September 29, 1844 and he joined up with the Army in July 1862 and was sent home after the Battle of Murfreesboro, learning that his master was captured and later died. Records are not clear, however, research indicates that his master was Private John Ellis, Company E, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry (Ashby's), CSA. The pension stated that he was a cook and servant and was injured on the journey home to Hawkins County.

Frederick was denied his pension several times and he kept submitting evidence of his service. His pension was finally accepted and he died peacefully

on June 25, 1925. Frederick and his lovely wife, Mary are laid to rest at the Lyons Chapel AME Zion Church in Church Hill, Hawkins County.

God Bless the South and those who offered their lives in maintenance of its Principles.



New poll reveals more American do not feel Confederate flag to be racist

According to a new CNN/ORC poll. And questions about how far to go to remove references to the Confederacy from public life prompt broad racial divides.

The poll shows that 57% of Americans see the flag more as a symbol of Southern pride than as a symbol of racism, about the same as in 2000 when 59% said they viewed it as a symbol of pride. Opinions of the flag are sharply divided by race, and among whites, views are

split by education.

Among African-Americans, 72% see the Confederate flag as a symbol of racism, just 25% of whites agree. In the South, the racial divide is even broader. While 75% of Southern whites describe the flag as a symbol of pride and 18% call it a symbol of racism, those figures are almost exactly reversed among Southern African-Americans, with just 11%

seeing it as a sign of pride and 75% viewing it as a symbol of racism.

Among whites, there's a sharp divide by education, and those with more formal education are less apt to see the flag as a symbol of pride. Among whites with a college degree, 51% say it's a symbol of pride, 41% one of racism. Among those whites who do not have a college degree, 73% say it's a sign of Southern pride, 18% racism.

Camp James T. Huff 5 year strategic plan for 2014-2018

Mission: The Major James T. Huff Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will faithfully carry out the Charge to the SCV by General Stephen D. Lee by positively promoting Southern Heritage in Coker County and honoring our Confederate ancestors.

Strategic Initiative I - Recruiting

The camp will aggressively recruit new members in the area. Recruiting efforts will also target specific individuals who display attributes that will help the camp become successful in the community. The camp will provide genealogy research assistance to serious potential recruits. The camp will take advantage of recruiting opportunities by setting up booths at fairs, festivals, and other special events. The camp will promote Friends of the SCV as an alternative in recruiting individuals who do not have a Confederate ancestor.

Goals:

5 additional members per year, reaching 35 full members by end of 2018.

5 associate members by end of year 2018.

Strategic Initiative II – Education

Camp members will self-educate through books, websites such as scv.org, the Confederate Veteran and other available literature. Members of Maj. James T. Huff camp will be the subject-matter experts on the Confederacy and the WBTS, including the war in Coker County. Special programs and speakers at camp meetings will be provided as a means of educating the camp.

Educating the public will be achieved through dissemination of literature at festivals and other events and advertising

meetings to the public when special programs or speakers are presented. The camp will make speakers and educational material available to other civic groups, schools, and special events. The camp will host special lectures/discussions on the war and the causes thereof. The camp will also promote Confederate History Month in the county during the month of April.

Goals:

A minimum of six educational programs per year during camp meetings.

Establishment of a Confederate library within 5 years, either utilizing the local library or another host of the camp's choosing.

Two speaking engagements per year at local schools.

Articles in the Newport Plain Talk and/or other area newspapers during April on Confederate history.

Strategic Initiative III – Public Relations and Communication

The camp will establish positive working relationships with the Coker County Partnership, civic groups such as Kiwanis, Lions Club, Amvets, etc., and other historical associations. The camp will also cultivate relations with the local newspaper and other media outlets, school administrators and history teachers, and local businesses.

The camp will utilize the local newspaper and other media outlets to advertise meetings, special events, and publicize activities. The camp will develop internal communications through a newsletter, website, and other electronic media. The camp will effectively communicate with National Headquarters, Tennessee Division, and other camps within the East Tennessee Brigade.

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Camp James T. Huff 5 Year Strategic Plan 2014-2018 (Continued from page 3)

Goals

Participate in one community project per year.

Sponsor a reenactment within the county by year 2018.

Provide one scholarship for high school seniors within 5 years based on knowledge of Southern history. The scholarship to be an annual occurrence.

Provide an entry in at least one county parade per year.

Participate in at least 2 Coker County festivals each year.

Participate in one special event each year (example-Relic Show)

Publish a monthly camp newsletter.

Continually update and maintain the camp website.

Send in a minimum of one entry per year to the Confederate Veteran Camp News section.

Strategic Initiative IV – SCV Projects

The camp will sponsor projects within the county to commemorate Confederate veterans who served their country honorably. The camp will restore and decorate the graves of Confederate veterans on Confederate Memorial Day.

Goals

Working with the Civil War Trails Commission and/or appropriate highway authorities, achieve the erection of a marker denoting the battle of Shultz' Mill and the capture of Gen. Robert Vance.

Locate and place a marker at the grave of John Booth Barker where buried in the Gulf.

Maintain the grave of the camp namesake, Maj. James T. Huff, and hold an annual dedication ceremony at the gravesite.

Decorate a minimum of 100 Confederate veterans' graves on Confederate Memorial Day.

Document the graves of all Confederate veterans buried in Coker County in the SCV database by end of 2018.

Complete two cemetery spreadsheets per year in accordance with SCV guidelines.

Strategic Initiative V – Financial Development

Recognizing the cost of conducting business and the need to be on a sound financial footing, the camp will conduct various fundraising activities in order to achieve its goals. Means to raise funds will include marketing Confederate-related merchandise at various events, conducting special fundraising events (meals, yard sales, etc.), and collecting donations.

Goals

By 2018, the camp will maintain a minimum fund of \$3000.

Develop an awards and recognition program for benefactors contributing \$100 or more.

Conduct at least one specific fundraising project per year.

Build an inventory of marketable merchandise and establish a storage location by end of 2015.

Strategic Initiative VI – Have Fun

The camp will engage in social activities which build internal bonds and promote a fun-filled family atmosphere within the camp.

Goals

Have at least one family picnic per year.