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Sons of Confederate Veterans, Germantown, Tennessee

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January, 2014

CAMP MEETING

January 13, 2014

Speaker: Dr. C. Bruce Lynch

Topic: The United Confederate Veterans

7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Regional
History and Genealogy Center

Don't miss our next camp meeting.

Official Memorial Services

for

William J. Simmons, Jr.

Friday, January 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Memphis Funeral Home
5599 Poplar Avenue
(South side of Poplar)
Memphis, TN 38119

Hosted by:

Bankhead's Battery

Robert E. Lee Camp
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Bankhead's Battery *Capt. B. Simmons*
Captain B. Simmons - Bankhead's Battery



In Remembrance of Captain Bill Simmons

As the New Year begins The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the WBTS reenactment community are mourning the loss of our good friend and compatriot William J. Simmons, Jr. Bill considered his SCV and reenacting friends his family – especially the members of Bankhead’s Battery, of which he was captain. Bill was also dedicated to the R.E. Lee Camp to which he belonged. He served the camp in many capacities including editor of this newsletter - a position which I inherited from Bill several years ago when he was elected and served as Commander of the camp. Whenever and whatever duty called, Bill was there; motivated by his love for his friends, the South, its people, our culture and our shared history.

It was a privilege to have known Bill as a friend. Early on in our acquaintance somehow Bill and I came to realize we shared a common distant relative – Revolutionary War hero General Andrew Pickens. From that point Bill would always refer to me as “cuz” because, he said, we were “seventh cousins”. And though it was said with tongue in cheek, as Bill enjoyed kidding his friends, he had a way of making it feel like there really was a close family tie between us.

Bill, in fact, made everyone he knew feel that they were someone special - and that is a rare gift. He was so thoughtful, and faithful, to call to wish his friends the best every Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. He would call my mom to wish her a happy Mother’s Day. The last call I got from Bill was the Friday before Christmas. I am so grateful I got that call.

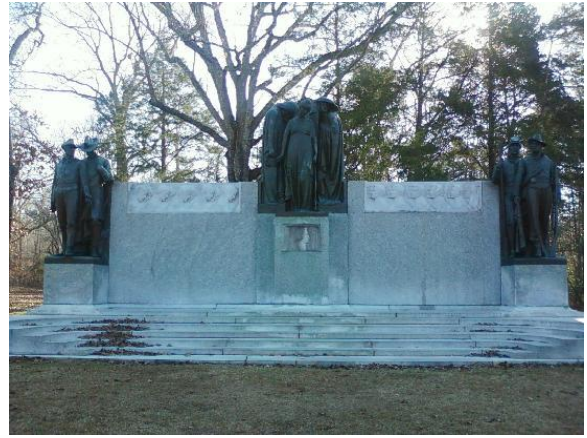
To have known Bill and to be considered by him part of his family is an honor. He will be sorely missed.

- The Editor

"The Burial of Latane" by John Reuben Thompson

Let us not weep for him whose deeds endure,
So young, so brave, so beautiful, he died;
As he had wished to die; the past is sure,
Whatever yet of sorrow may betide
Those who still linger by the stormy shore,
Change cannot harm him now nor fortune touch him
more.

(Submitted in honor of Bill by Beecher Smith)



Confederate Memorial Inscriptions

"They struggled for constitutional government as established by our Fathers and though defeated, they left to posterity a record of honor and glory more valuable than power or riches" - Cuthbert, Georgia

Our Confederate Dead
Who they were few may know
What they were all know 1861-1865.
- Nicholasville, Kentucky

NOT FOR FAME OR REWARD, NOT FOR
PLACE OR FOR RANK, NOT LURED BY
AMBITION OR GOADED BY NECESSITY, BUT
IN SIMPLE OBEDIENCE TO DUTY AS THEY
UNDERSTOOD IT, THESE MEN SUFFERED
ALL, SACRIFICED ALL, DARED ALL, AND
DIED - Confederate Memorial, Arlington Cemetery

"O Great Confederate Mothers, we would print your names on monuments, that men may read them as the years go by and tribute pay to you who bore and nurtured hero-sons and gave them solace on that darkest hour, when they came home with broken swords and guns." - Confederate Mothers Monument – Texarkana, Texas

Confederates blend your recollections
Let memory weave its bright reflections
Let love revive life’s ashen embers
For love is life since love remember
- Wilmington, North Carolina

"Would not it be a shame for us
If their memory part from our land and hearts,
And a wrong them to and a shame to us.
The glories they won shall not wane for us.
In legend and lay, our Heroes in Grey
Shall ever live over again for us."

- Franklin, Tennessee

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Commander's Corner

First and foremost, I would like to say that we will all miss Bill Simmons, long time member of the camp, Captain of Bankhead's Battery, and good friend to all. Bill was a great defender of the Southern Veteran and the cause of the SCV. A great compatriot and he will be missed terribly by all.

Our December meeting was lightly attended, mostly due to the weather. Since it was the camp Christmas party, there really was not a program but we did welcome two new members in Bill Somerville and Bill Concon, and we are happy to have them both on board.

Tarry presented several awards for service of the camp over and above, thanks to all those receiving for your effort and service to the camp and the SCV as a whole.

The Lee/Jackson/Chalmers banquet is right around the corner, January 18 at the Ridgeway Country Club. Jimmy Ogle of the Shelby County Historical Commission will be our guest speaker. Our next meeting Jan. 13 will be your last chance to purchase tickets for this event, they are \$30 each and I will have them available then so bring cash or check for as many as you need.

We are moving forward nicely on the Cannon project, we are only waiting now for the tubes to be completed and installed. Hopefully we can have a formal dedication in the Spring, maybe combined with maybe the Brigade Picnic? Stand by for more on that.

I would be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to say a big thank you to Tarry and Mark for their hard work and contributions in their positions as Commander and Lt. Commander over the past several years. Those will be some big shoes to fill as the Lee Camp had when we counted it out 24 major accomplishments in various areas in 2013 alone. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by both myself and the Lee Camp as a whole.

With all that said, I should now say that I am looking forward to working with you all over the next two years as Commander, and I thank you all for the confidence you have shown in me to elect me into that position. As I said before, I've been left with some big shoes to fill, as has our Lt. Commander Brad Waters. I have been thinking about some goals, plans, and projects for the camp since the election

and I hope that we can take some of these and run with them. With the help of the Executive Committee and the membership at large, I think we can have a very active and thriving camp, and I hope to see all of you involved with that as we go forward. More on that to be presented at our next meeting.

Until then, I am and shall remain your obedient servant,

Mike Daugherty
Commander

The Confederate Calendar 2014 Event Schedule

A listing of events of interest for Southern Heritage organizations:

January

7 Collierville -- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 247 Center St, 7pm

9 Memphis -- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm

13 Germantown -- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm

15 Memphis -- Gen'l Forrest Chapter UDC meeting/lunch, Chickasaw Cntry Club, 1130

16 Memphis -- Chalmers Camp meeting, 7pm

18 Memphis -- UDC Lee-Jackson-Maury Luncheon, Chickasaw CC, 1200

18 Memphis -- Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet, Ridgeway CC, 6pm

19 -- Birthday of General Robert E. Lee

19 Collierville -51st Tenn Infantry, annual meeting, 2pm

20 -- National Robert E. Lee Birthday holiday

21 -- Birthday of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

February

10 Germantown -- Lee Camp meeting, TnGen Center, Old Poplar Pike, 7pm

11 Collierville -- Wigfall Greys meeting, VFW, 247 Center St, 7pm

13 Memphis -- Forrest Camp meeting, Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland, 7pm

15 Ft Donelson -- Valentine's Confederate Ball

15-16 Southaven -- Chalmers annual Civil War Show & Sale, Southaven Arena

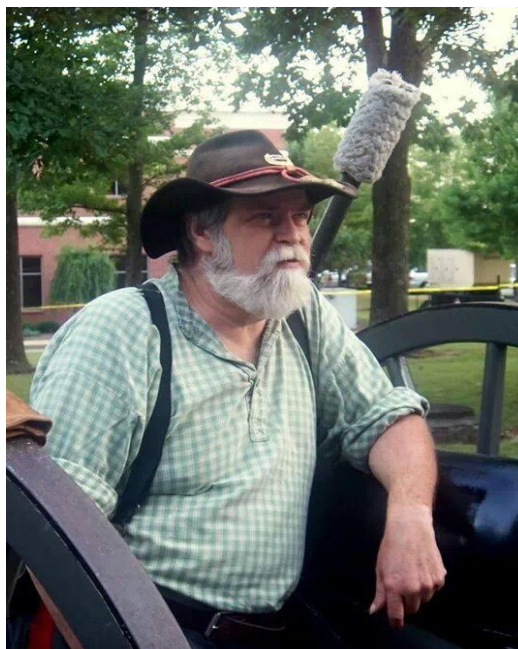
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SCV LIFE MEMBERS ROSTER

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Winston Blackley	Eugene Callaway
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Larry J. Spiller, Sr.	Osborn Turner, IV
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