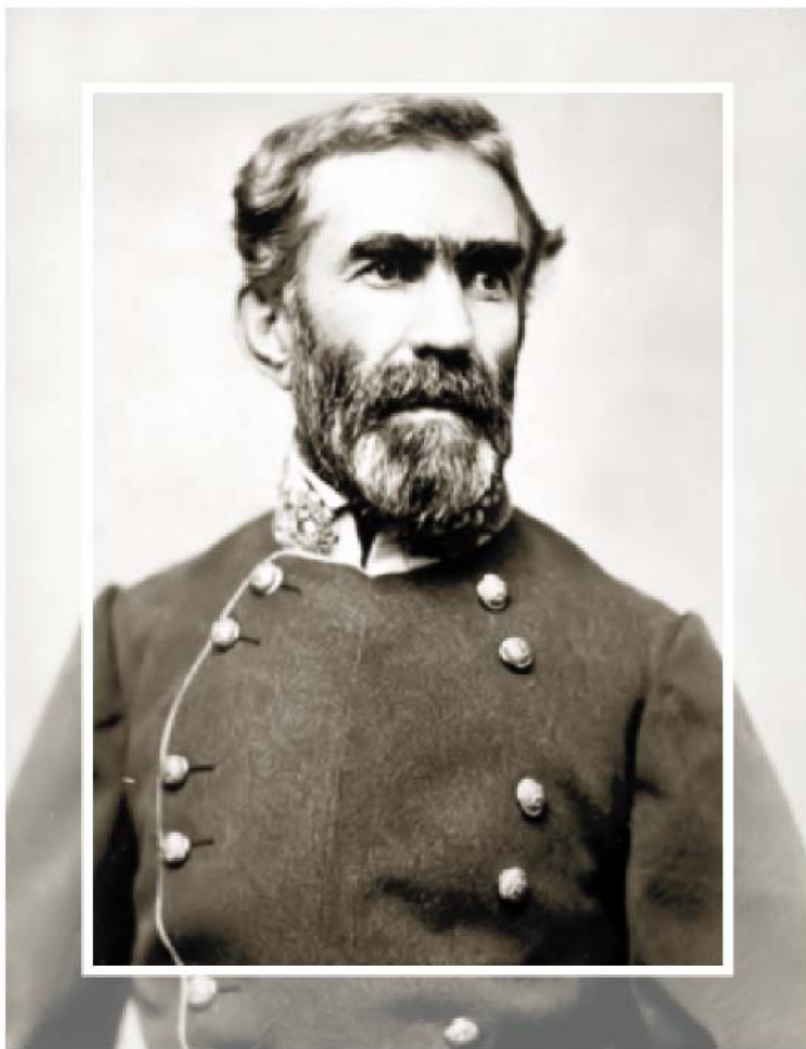


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Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Columbia, TENN.

Thursday, October 16, 2008

I write this message after spending the day with Adjutant Smith in Watertown at a Confederate Memorial service for Milus "Bushwacker" Johnston. We fired the volley and then socialized with individuals from the Col. Egbert J. Jones camp #357 from Huntsville Alabama and Ross Moore and Kaye Muse with the Tullahoma camp. Ross sounded great. He is a true performer. The only disappointment was the small turnout. Less than 20 people total and only 4 to fire the volley. I had a great time and Jay said he enjoyed it also.

Our speaker this month will be Tim Morrison. He was not able to attend last month and was kind enough to join us this month. Tim is the Camp Commander for SCV Camp #152 John R. Massey Camp in Fayetteville, TN. He will be speaking on War Between the States first. The War Between the States was the first modern war and contained a whole bunch of first. Tim has also worked with Rippavilla and the Forrest Boyhood Home.

A few weeks ago I mailed out a letter giving everyone information about what is happening in the camp. We have one small change. We will not be at the Chili cook off at Elm Springs. We are going to be at the Scarecrow Festival in Mt. Pleasant. The festival is October 18th from 7 AM to 4 PM. As you could tell from the events list, we have many fun things coming up.

We have a nice addition to the news. The pancake breakfast, which is our major camp fundraiser, is slated for January 17th from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM and will be held at Applebee's. We need at least 15 people to work as servers and they will need to be there from 7 AM to 10 AM. How much money the camp raises depend on how many tickets we sell. The tickets are \$5 and you can get them from Jack, Jay or myself. ALL of the money goes to the camp. All we have to do is sell tickets and wait tables (pour milk, coffee, pass out butter and syrup, etc....) All we are asking for is 3 hours of work and fellowship to raise money for the camp.

Don't forget about the memorial service for James Marion Wilkins at the Williamsport Methodist Church. It is Saturday October 25th at 1:30. We need people to fire the volley, carry the flags and just be there.

Dues. It is that time of the year when dues need to be paid. Please submit your payment to Adjutant Jay Smith.

See you at the meeting.

In Holy Bonds of the South,

Jason Boshers

Commander, Sam Watkins Camp #29

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September 16, 2008 Camp Minutes

Camp Commander, Jason Boshers secured the door and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chaplain Mike Bullock gave the invocation. Following the prayer, Lt. Commander Taylor led the pledges to the U.S. Flag and salute to the Confederate flag.

Commander Boshers introduced our new member Mike Hatten from Chapel Hill, TN. Mike's son Jake accompanied him to the meeting.

Our speaker, Tim Morrison was not able to attend due to work. He will be here for the October meeting. Gene Andrews, with the Forrest Home, is scheduled for November.

The General Camp Meeting followed:

Reading and acceptance of the minutes from last meeting as posted in the camp newsletter.

Adjutant Smith gave the treasurer's report and reported that dues should be submitted by October. This year dues are \$47. (\$30 – national, \$5 – TN Div, \$12 – camp). As of now, the only monthly bill is postage. At this time the camp balance is \$393.00.

Special Communications –

Commander Boshers thanked all the members who helped stain the Elm Springs storage building. It took six gallons the first coat and five gallons for the second coat. Jay Smith, Ace Hardware, supplied the stain and materials. The camp does not wish to bill Ben Sowell for the stain. They are very gracious to allow the camp to use the facilities each month for our meeting. If you wish to make a contribution towards the project, please see Adjutant Smith.

Standing Committees –

Contact Commander Boshers regarding Color and Honor Guard

Fundraising Committee-

Lt. Commander Taylor discussed Applebee's pancake breakfast fundraiser. The ticket cost is \$5. Will need 15 volunteers from 7:00am – 10:00am to serve and clean tables. Will reserve the date and have tickets at next meeting.

Special Committee Reports –

Greg Atwell is coordinating Chili Cook Off activities the camp is participating in October 18 at Elm Springs.

Old Business –

Adoption of event/marker/cemetery – Several members are researching into Rose Hill, Zion Cemetery, Hunter Cemetery and Elm Springs for some form of adoption. A decision will be made in January/February.

New Business –

Dedication for Judge Advocate Charles Bates will be in spring 2009.

Announcements –

September 28th – Cemetery Dedication in Athens, AL

October 11th – Cemetery Dedication in Watertown, TN for Milus "Bushwacker" Johnson

October 18 – 23rd Annual Maury County Chili Cook-Off - Elm Springs

October 25 – Wilkins dedication Williamsport Cemetery

October 25 – Hunter's Cemetery Walk

December 6th – Army of TN Christmas party at Elm Springs – 6:00p.m.

December 16th – Elections of officers during Camp meeting

New Members:

Commander Boshers officially inducted Mike Hatten into the Sam Watkins Camp.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:40p.m.

Benediction by Bullock.

PAY YOUR DUES!



Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

Columbia, TENN

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Camp 29,

CAMP DUES ARE NOW DUE! ABSOLUTE deadline is November 1st. You will be considered in arrears after this date if not received on or before October 31st, 2008.

Please remit 47 dollars for your dues as soon as possible. We are also asking that if you are able, to please make a special donation in excess of your dues to help with our fund raising campaign.

If you are a life member of the SCV, you only need to remit 17.00 dollars. It would behoove many of you to choose a life membership.

PLEASE write on you check what members the dues are for and any extra you're donating. We are striving for a fund raising goal of 10 thousand dollars this time next year! We can do it!!!

All camp communication, inquiries and payment of dues to :

Adjutant, James Smith

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BILGE PUMP NOT IN USE WHEN CONFEDERATE SUB SANK

The Associated Press

10/17/2008

The crew of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley was not pumping water out of the crew compartment when the hand-cranked sub sank off Charleston in 1864.

That's the latest discovery from the scientists restoring the sub, the first in history to sink an enemy warship.

Scientists say a valve on the system was not set to bilge water from the crew area, which might have happened if the Hunley were taking on water. It opens the possibility the crew might not have drowned, but suffocated as they used up their available air.

The system could either drain water from the crew compartment or the ballast tanks. But it's not clear whether it was set to pump out ballast as the crew tried to surface.

Tennessee Civil War Trails

By Charles Bates,
J.A.G.

The Webfoot

Tuesday, September 09, 2008

It was a celebratory mood on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008, as State tourism and transportation officials unveiled the first marker in the state's new Tennessee Civil War Trails program in front of the Williamson County Courthouse.

Franklin's Gateway marker acts as a map to other Civil War sites in the Franklin/Williamson county area, which highlights Gen. Hood's 1864 campaign. Williamson County will have 13 markers in all as part of the program. Installations in Maury and Giles Counties, as well as throughout West Tennessee, will continue throughout the fall of 2008.

Mark Shore, Executive Director of the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau opened the program by welcoming everyone to this historical program and introduced all the local officials and the special guests along with the state commissioners and part of their staff.

Tennessee department of Tourist Development Commissioner Susan Whitaker was joined by Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely for the unveiling. Each Commissioner talked briefly about the program and how the necessary grants were achieved.

Mitch Bowman, Executive Director, Civil Wars Trails Inc., called Franklin his 'adopted home' and thanked the community on behalf of the 189 other counties throughout Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland and West Virginia which participate in the program.



"Although we should and certainly do have a great sense of accomplishment, so many of you have gone to the landowners and it is that opening of the landscape, that is difficult part," said Bowman.

He went on to say, "In every true sense of the word, today is but the beginning of the program now Tennessee Civil War trails can act as a local, regional, statewide and multi-state marketing effort to the bring travelers from literally around the nation and the world..."

Also speaking Wednesday was Tod Sedgwick, Chairman of the Civil War Preservation Trust, who said the agency doesn't have, "any better partners than we have in Tennessee."

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“It is really remarkable when you think a few years ago that Franklin was known as a poster child for what goes wrong in historic preservation,” Sedgwick said. “We used to make a lot of money showing a picture of that Pizza Hut and now look what’s happened,” referring to the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, the demolition of the Pizza Hut on the Cotton Gin Battlefield site and the additional acreage recently attained by the Carter House.



I really think from a national perspective, Franklin is really on a par with Gettysburg and there is no reason the tourism shouldn't escalate exponentially based on the commitment you have."

He congratulated Tennessee and its officials for using "every tool in their tool kit to preserve battlefield land."

The Civil War Trails is a multi-State program that identifies, interprets and creates driving tours of both the great campaigns and the lesser-known Civil War sites.

The initiative has been identified by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the most successful and sustainable heritage tourism programs in the nation. The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development was awarded a Federal enhancement grant, which is an 80/20 match through the Tennessee Department of Transportation to be part of this program.

Subsequent markers will be installed through the week in Maury County (2), Giles County (1), and the Sullivan County (3). Additional markers will be installed in West Tennessee along with the Mt. Pleasant in Maury County will receive one marker in October.

The Tennessee Civil War Trails program climaxed with Tennessee Department of Tourist Development Commissioner, Susan Whitaker, cutting the ribbon and unveiling of the Gateway Marker, assisted by Commissioner Gerald Nicely of the Department of Transportation.

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Historical Tidbit:

The Battle of Perryville, fought October 8, 1862, finalized Confederate General Braxton Bragg's famous "Kentucky Invasion" with a tactical victory for the Confederacy, but an eventual retreat that set the stage for the end-of-year Battle of Stones River outside Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Source: www.battleofperryville.com

Florida SCV erects larger flag—AP 10/14/08

The Florida SCV announced that they replaced the world's largest Confederate flag in Tamp with an even larger flag!

The flag flying at I-75 will be 10 feet longer than the original flag.

The old flag will be cut up and sold in pieces to raise money for a Confederate monument that will cost well over 80 thousand dollars and will be adorned with plaques honoring the Confederate Vets from all branches.

Fall Muster back at Beauvoir—AP 10/17/08

Fall Muster at Beauvoir will attract about 300 Union and Confederate re-enactors this weekend.

The Muster allows the public to watch infantry, artillery and medical demonstrations, a tintype photographer and antebellum camp life.

This year's Beauvoir Fall Muster is the first to be on the Biloxi museum estate of Jefferson Davis since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 destroyed all but the 1850s Beauvoir House.

The Muster will be held Saturday and Sunday.

This year's scenario is from the Battle of New Hope Church in Atlanta.

Re-enactors will come from Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

Remembering Jefferson Davis

In remembrance of Jefferson Davis and celebrating 2008 as the 200th anniversary of the his birth, it would only be fitting to show the personal side of the President. I encourage all of you to study up on this great American hero; read his memoirs and study up on his personal life before the War Between the States.

He accomplished so much in his career but is mostly remembered as the only President of the Southern States. He did so much more...

We will soon be voting on a new President of these United States. I have to ask myself if the candidates for Commander in Chief would have the same courage and fortitude that Davis had. Can you imagine the load he had on his shoulders being the FIRST President of a new nation that seceded from another?

The following is a letter from Davis to his Wife Varina in regards to the Surrender of the CSA. Enjoy.

Jack Taylor, Camp Lt. Commander

To Varina Howell Davis

Charlotte, N.C 23 April 65

MY DEAR WINNIE

I have been detained here longer than was expected when the last telegram was sent to you. I am uncertain where you are and deeply felt the necessity of being with you if even for a brief time, under our altered circumstances. Gov. Vance and Genl. Hampton propose to meet me here and Genl. Johnston sent me a request to remain at some point where he could readily communicate with me. Under these circumstances I have asked Mr. Harrison to go in search of you and to render you such assistance as he may. Your Brother William telegraphed in reply to my inquiry that you were at Abbeville and that he would go to see you. My last despatch was sent to that place and to the care of Mr. Burt. Your own feelings will convey to you an idea of my solicitude for you and our family and I will not distress by describing it.

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Remembering Jefferson Davis (continued from previous page)

The dispersion of Lee's army and the surrender of the remnant which remained with him destroyed the hopes I entertained when we parted. Had that army held together I am now confident we could have successfully executed the plan which I sketched to you and would have been to-day on the high road to independence. Even after that disaster if the men who "straggled" say thirty or forty thousand in number, had come back with their arms and with a disposition to fight we might have repaired the damage; but all was sadly the reverse of that. They threw away theirs and were uncontrollably resolved to go home. The small guards along the road have sometimes been unable to prevent the pillage of trains and depots.

Panic has seized the country. J. E. Johnston and Beauregard were hopeless as to recruiting their forces from the dispersed men of Lee's army and equally so as to their ability to check Sherman with the forces they had. Their only idea was to retreat of the power to do so they were doubtful and subsequent desertions from their troops have materially diminished their strength and I learn still more weaken their confidence.

The loss of arms has been so great that should the spirit of the people rise to the occasion it would not be at this time possible adequately to supply them with the weapons of War.

Genl. Johnston had several interviews with Sherman and agreed on a suspension of hostilities, and the reference of terms of pacification. They are secret and may be rejected by the Yankee govt. - to us they are hard enough, though freed from wanton humiliation and expressly recognizing the state governments, and the rights of person and property as secured by the Constitutions of the U. S. and the several states. Genl. Breckenridge was a party to the last consultation and to the agreement. Judge Reagan went with him and approved the agreement though not present at the conference.

Each member of the Cabinet is to give his opinion in writing to day, 1st upon the acceptance of the terms, 2d upon the mode of proceeding if accepted. The issue is one which it is very painful for me to meet. On one hand is the long night of oppression which will follow the return of our people to the 'Union'; on the other the suffering of the women and children, and courage among the few brave patriots who would still oppose the invader, and /who/ unless the people would rise en masse to sustain them, would struggle but to die in vain.

I think my judgement is undisturbed by any pride of opinion or of place, I have prayed to our heavenly Father to give me wisdom and fortitude equal to the demands of the position in which Providence has placed me. I have sacrificed so much for the cause of the Confederacy that I can measure my ability to make any further sacrifice required, and am assured there is but one to which I am not equal, my Wife and my Children. How are they to be saved from degradation or want is now my care. During the suspension of hostilities you may have the best opportunity to go to Missi. and thence either to sail from Mobile for a foreign port or to cross the river and proceed to Texas, as the one or the other may be more practicable. The little sterling you have will be a very scanty store and under other circumstances would not be counted, but if our land can be sold that will secure you from absolute want. For myself it may be that our Enemy will prefer to banish me, it may be that a devoted band of Cavalry will cling to me and that I can force my way across the Missi. and if nothing can be done there which it will be proper to do, then I can go to Mexico and have the world from which to choose a location. Dear Wife this is not the fate to which I invited when the future was rose-colored to us both; but I know you will bear it even better than myself and that /of us two/ I alone will ever look back reproachfully on my past career.

I have thus entered on the questions involved in the future to guard against contingencies, my stay will not be prolonged a day beyond the prospect of useful labor here and there is every reason to suppose that I will be with you a few days after Mr. Harrison arrives

Mrs Omelia behaved very strangely about putting the things you directed -- Robt says she would not permit to pack, that she even took groceries out of the mess chest when he had put a small quantity there. Little Maggie's saddle was concealed and I learned after we left Richmond was not with the saddles and bridles which I directed to be all put together. At the same time I was informed that your saddle had been sent to the Saddlers and left there. Every body seemed afraid of connexion with our property and your carriage was sent to the Depot to be brought with me. a plea was made that it could not go on the cars of that train but should follow in the next, specific charge and promise was given but the carriage was left. The notice to leave was given on Sunday, but few hours were allowed and my public duties compelled to rely on others, count on nothing as saved which you valued except the bust and that had to be left behind.

Mrs. Omelia said she was charged in the event of our having to leave, to place the valuables with the Sisters and that she would distribute every thing. I told her to sell what she could, and after feeling distrust asked Mrs. Grant to observe her; and after that became convinced that she too proba-bly under the influences of her husband was afraid to be known as having close relations with us Kiss Maggie and the children many times for me. The only yearning heart in the final hour was poor old Sara wishing for "Pie cake", and thus I left our late home. No bad preparation for a search of another. Dear children I can say nothing to them, but for you and them my heart is full my prayers constant and my hopes are the trust I feel in the mercy of God.

Farewell my Dear; there may be better things in store for us than are now in view, but my love is all I have to offer and that has the value of a thing long possessed and sure not to be lost. Once more, and with God's favor for a short time only, farewell -- YOUR HUSBAND.