



# The Rebel Banner

The newsletter of Sons of Confederate Veterans Murfreesboro Camp #33  
2012 SCV Camp of the Year

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## THIS MONTH IN OLD DIXIELAND!

Compatriots,

Annual dues were due as of August 1. The grace period to pay without a late fee is August 31.

Our August 27 meeting will be our annual business meeting. Although this is not an officer election year, we have several items to discuss and vote on, including a dues increase and bylaw changes. So, it is important to have as good a turnout as possible.

Keep recruiting, we are the last line of defense for our Confederate ancestors.

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO CAMP 33 BYLAWS

### Explanation:

The change to Section 1 is in response to some members' questions about the timing of any dues changes. The changes to Section 2 are to make the Camp bylaws consistent with the National SCV dues bylaws.

### ARTICLE V. Dues.

**Section 1.** The annual dues to the Camp shall be set and approved annually by the membership at the Annual Meeting. (ADD) *Changes to annual dues approved by the membership shall be effective with the next dues cycle.*

**Section 2.** Members in arrears (DELETE) *three (3) months* (ADD) *one (1) month* in payment of dues shall be classified as delinquent, and (DELETE) *four (4) months' arrearage* shall automatically impose suspension. Payment of all back dues within the current year, a payment of a \$5.00 reinstatement fee together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one year or more shall be only reinstated upon (DELETE) *vote of the Camp and* payment of all amounts due from him to the Camp.

## PROPOSED LOCAL DUES INCREASE

At our July meeting there was a discussion about raising the Camp 33 local dues. Our local dues have been \$5 annually for more than a decade. That amount per member will not even meet the current cost of producing and mailing the bimonthly newsletter. Our other primary source of income is fund raisers, which presently consists of only two turkey shoots. A recommendation was made to raise the annual dues to \$10 annually. This is still much less than some camps charge. The decision on this was postponed until the officers could consult the bylaws and discuss the matter. As it turns out the bylaws do not directly address the dues structure, leaving it to the membership to decide at the annual meeting. The officers voted unanimously at their August 10 meeting to bring the matter to a vote at the August 27 annual meeting.

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### Camp Meetings

Murfreesboro Camp #33 is a descendant camp of the Joseph Palmer Bivouac No. 10 UCV, which was chartered on September 8, 1888. The meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except for December when it is on the second Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center located at 225 W College St, Murfreesboro, TN. This center is operated by MTSU and houses the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, the Center for Historic Preservation as well as several other groups.

Directions: from I-24, take exit 81-B, travel toward Murfreesboro to the Public Square. Go through the Square to the next traffic light at College Street, and turn left. The Heritage Center is located in the second block on the left, at the corner of College and Walnut.

### Upcoming Speakers

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic
<b>August 27</b>	No speaker	Annual business meeting
<b>September 24</b>	Steve Murphree	Benjamin Franklin Cheatham - An Extraordinary Life

*Submissions deadline for the September-October issue of The Rebel Banner is October 11.*

## Commander's Comments

Greetings Compatriots,

Our opposition is once again "rattling their sabers" in an attempt to have the current Governor change his stance on history. At the heart of this is their "Holy Grail" the bust of our beloved Tennessean Nathan Bedford Forrest. I and other Camp members emailed the Capital Commission to voice our opposition of having the bust removed. I tried my best to not make it personal but as a 6th generation Tennessean how can it not be? My Confederate ancestor rode with Forrest therefore by labeling him the way they do, they spit in the face of everyone in our families. So our fight continues and intensifies.

In this newsletter you'll find a copy of a form letter addressing the NBF bust in the Capital. It is short and to the point and was intended to be such. As of this writing I have not heard of any vote, or meeting for that matter, that the Capital Commission has had. But that does not mean we rest. Our next "wave" will be directed at our State representatives and senators, thus the form letter. We will start with those that are in our immediate jurisdiction. It is my hope that our efforts will be a spark that starts a blaze throughout our Brigade and to all parts of the division. I will, at our August meeting have a list of those legislators we intend to contact.

The last thing I wish to address is the removal of our presence from festivals and parades throughout Tennessee. It happened to us at Uncle Dave Macon Days and has now happened to another camp for the Apple Festival plus a parade that we could march in as long as we did not display our flag. This should anger you but unfortunately it is going to continue to happen. We must do our very best to get into these places where we can get our message out to the public. With the political climate as it is we can not afford to back up or back down. Once we have an opportunity to get into these festivals we must conduct ourselves as Southern Gentlemen. Speak the truth but avoid confrontation. The ease of putting these things onto a social media platform will further diminish our cause. We cannot afford to play into their hands for we have enough negativity as it is.

Remember we fight the good fight. In the immortal words of Jefferson Davis; "Truth crushed to the earth is truth still and like a seed will rise again."

I remain your obedient servant,

James Forbes, Jr.

Commander SCV Murfreesboro Camp 33

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Tennessee SCV Mechanized Cavalry Annual Reunion**

Natchez Trace RV Campground, Hohenwald TN  
September 6-8

### **Heritage Days**

Sam Davis Home  
Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Reenactors needed - Contact Kurt Huskey

### **Sam Davis Home Ghost Tours**

Sam Davis Home  
Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19, 25 & 26, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### **Veterans Day American Flag Replacement**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Sunday, November 10, 10 a.m.

### **Sam Davis Memorial Day**

Sam Davis Home  
Saturday, November 23, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Color guard report by 12 noon

### **Battle of Murfreesboro Memorial Service**

Confederate Circle, Evergreen Cemetery  
Sunday, December 29, 2 p.m.  
Color guard report by 1 p.m.

Chapter one of a short series on my family and their role in the Confederacy from 1861 to 1865.

"Once I stood at the foot  
Of a great high mountain  
That I wanted so much to climb  
And on top of this mountain was a beautiful fountain  
That flowed with the waters of Life  
I fell down on my knees  
At the foot of this mountain  
I cried, "Oh Lord, what must I do"  
- Ralph Stanley.

### **'Them Hawkins Boys'**

By ~ [Bret Hawkins](#)

The Hawkins family first came into the Short Mountain area of Tennessee around 1808, after traveling from Virginia and a short stay in the wilderness of Kentucky near Fort Boonesborough. They were frontiersmen, long hunters, farmers, pioneers, and warriors. Life long Methodist, and obedient servants of God, they never hesitated to lay down the plow and ax to pick up their muskets and powder horns when the calling came.

My third great grandparents, John and Mary Tinney Hawkins had a land grant for a large section of Short Mountain (the actual mountain ). John and his siblings had been born in the lush green hills of Virginia, Mary was born in Inishboffin, County Galway, Ireland. But all their children would be born on Short Mountain, including my great-great grandfather, Joseph Tinney Hawkins. He would marry the beautiful daughter of Enoch and Betsy Ferrell Jones, Eliza, in 1832. They started their own farm in the shadow of Short Mountain and had six daughters and four sons. Those four sons, "Them Hawkins Boys", had quite the reputation. Tall, strong, and rambunctious they were as close to one another as the morning fog to the mountain. Life was hard, to be expected, but life was grand and happiness was easily found once the chores were done. I'm sure they heard talk of the other southern states speaking of secession. But they were isolated, rural farmers, and the corn crop and weight of the pigs would have been of far more concern to them than whispers of war.

But after first voting not to secede, Tennessee changed it's mind when Lincoln said he would invade the Southland. That did it. The family had carved a life out of the rough terrain and rocky soil, built their church, raised their children, lived, loved, laughed, cried, and buried their loved ones on that sacred ground. No one was going to come on their land with guns in hands and threaten them without one hell of a fight. Their ancestors had fought in the Indian Wars, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and by God they would fight again to protect their loved ones, farms, and the State of Tennessee that they helped build.

My great grandfather, Joseph Irvin Hawkins, was only 14 years old when his three older brothers joined the 18<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry, and left the only home they ever knew to go and fight the Northern aggressors. He hated they would not let him join because of his age, and I'm sure his daddy would not allow it. Too young, all his other sons were gone, and there was still a farm to tend. But Joseph T. Hawkins, at age 51, did his part, he joined the Warren County Confederate Home Guard, and ended up serving two tours - unheard of at the time. His brothers, Robert, Enoch James, and John D would train and fight for a year. Then, when their year long commitment was met, Robert and Enoch left the 18<sup>th</sup> (John stayed with the 18<sup>th</sup> throughout the War, gaining the rank of Third Corporal ), went back home, got their now 15 going on 16-year-old little brother, and the three joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry. Enoch would be captured, sent to a Yankee prison, take the "oath" with his fingers crossed behind his back, get paroled, and head straight back to Short Mountain to ride with Pomp Kersey and his Guerrilla Band. Joseph and his big brother Robert would survive the war, returned home, and be buried up on Short Mountain. All the Hawkins men, "Them Hawkins Boys", my great grandfather's 1st cousins, a few uncles, and too many second and third cousins to count, fought for the Confederacy. Some died, many were severely wounded. But they all joined to fight, and they fought like hell. The next chapter will be about my Masey family's Confederate legacy. This is my family's story. This is my family's history. This is my Blood. And the Blood is Strong.



# Sons of Confederate Veterans Murfreesboro Camp No. 33

## *2019 SCV Camp # 33 Dues Notice*

Compatriot,

As of this letter, I have not received your dues. Please send them to me as soon as possible. Our Camp currently has 156 members on it's roster. That makes us one of the largest Camps in the Division and the entire SCV! With your renewal and recruiting like we have had this past year, we could be on our way to being the largest Camp in the Division. A 200 member Camp is our goal! We have had a lot of accomplishments this past year; living histories, parades, turkey shoots and lots of Confederate fellowship!

We want you to continue your membership. With all of the heritage attacks in the last few years, our ancestors and the South needs all of her sons to perpetuate their memory. Please send in your dues with the form below so you will stay current. ***All dues received will now have to include a \$5 late fee.*** If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In the Bonds of the Old South,

James G. Patterson, Adjutant Murfreesboro SCV Camp # 33

Dues and late fee \$45 : \_\_\_\_\_

Voluntary contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Send payment to:***

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If you have questions call: 615-812-0206 or email [mborosc33@aol.com](mailto:mborosc33@aol.com)

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Included in this issue is a copy of a simple form letter you can send to the members of the Capitol Commission and our local elected representatives (see the May-June issue of **The Rebel Banner** for their contact information) to encourage them to leave our statues and monuments in and around the state capitol where they are.

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### **Confederate Flag Day**

Caravan to N.B. Forrest Boyhood Home  
 Saturday, March 7, 2020, Time TBD  
 Camp 33 members are need for set up and clean up

#### **SCV Tennessee Division Reunion**

General Morgan Inn, Greeneville, TN  
 Friday & Saturday, April 17-18, 2020

#### **Confederate Memorial Day Service**

Confederate Circle, Evergreen Cemetery  
 Saturday, June 6, 2020, 2 p.m.  
 Color guard to report by 1 p.m.

#### **Forrest Raid Memorial Service**

City Cemetery  
 Saturday, July 11, 2020, 10 a.m.

**Old Bedford Black-eyed Pea and Sweet Potato Luncheon** following  
 St. Pauls' Episcopal Church (tentative)

#### **SCV National Reunion**

World Golf Village Renaissance, St. Augustine, FL  
 Wednesday-Saturday, July 15-18, 2020

Dear

I support leaving the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest in the Tennessee State Capitol Building permanently at its current location. It is part of the history of the great State of Tennessee, as are all the statues and monuments in and around the Capitol.

Sincerely,

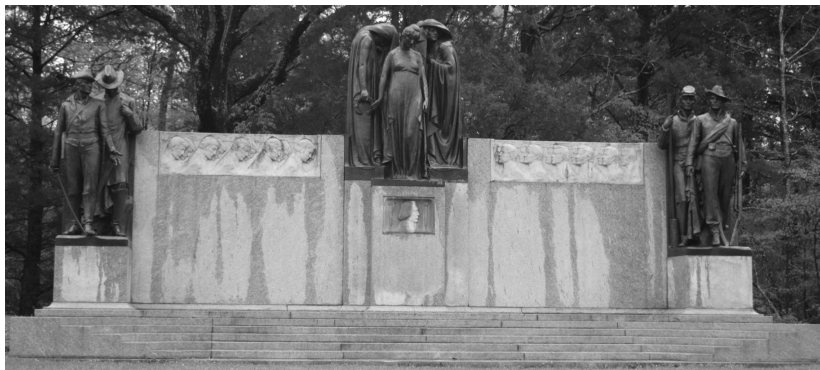
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**In God We Trust**



May God Save Dixie!!!!!!



***Salute to the Confederate Flag***  
I salute the Confederate flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion, to the Cause for which it stands.

***Edward Ward Carmack's Pledge To The South***

"The SOUTH is a land that has known sorrows; it is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

"To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever. I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; and when my last hour shall come, I pray GOD that I may be pillowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."