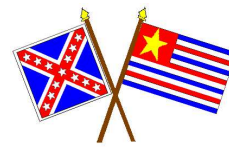


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Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution*

Happy New Year 2012!

Noted Historian, Author and SCV Life Member Eric Brock Passes Away

Make your plans for Lee-Jackson events in January

COMMANDER'S REPORT—Greetings,

As we enter a new year, I know many of our members forwarded the colors in the various parades and events held in the Louisiana Division in the past year, most recently, the Christmas parades we participate in. I trust you had a Merry Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Preliminary reinstatement numbers are low, indicating we lost about 20% of our membership, but I feel this number will climb as many members pay their dues late. Query your fellow camp members to see if they have renewed their membership; remember there is strength in numbers, we need numbers. As Louisiana has a rich Confederate Heritage, as well as being the home of the founding of our organization's predecessor, the United Confederate Veterans, our Division should be one of the largest in the Confederation.

Did you know, to become a member of our organization in the early years, you had to be a Real Son? As the numbers of our Real Sons decrease; and these men cross over the river, the SCV has recently begun a Real Grandsons program, to recognize the grandsons of our ancestors. As announced at our recent Fall Assembly, if you know of a Real Grandson in your camp, contact me and I will get information to you as it is available. My thanks to all that attended the DEC meeting and Fall Assembly at Mansfield on October 29.

As we move forward, we must continue to cut our expenses. Steps have been taken in the past year to get our Division in the black, including a significant reduction in the insurance cost for the property owned by the Louisiana Division at Burr Ferry. We also moved to electronic distribution of our newsletter, which has not had the participation I had hoped for. If you receive this newsletter in the U.S. Mail and have an email address, please send me your email address and get on the electronic distribution list. This is the best way, outside of optional giving donations; you can help the Division save money. If you would like to receive the Louisiana True Delta electronically, send me your email address and you will receive an email when the newsletter is available on our Division website. You may read it at your leisure, as well as past issues. Send your email address to me at rebelyell1861@comcast.net, and rest assured your email address will remain private and not used for any other purpose. If you are not a subscriber to the Tiger Courier, you may subscribe to that as well to keep up with current events.

On a sad note, we suffered a setback in preserving our heritage in my own backyard. In 1903, the Caddo Parish Police Jury voted to "reserve" a portion of land on the courthouse square for the erection of a Confederate Monument. In 1951, that same body voted to erect a flagpole on the fence of the monument in honor of the last reunion of the United Confederate Veterans. A Confederate flag has flown for sixty years in approximately the same spot as the last Confederate flag was lowered in 1865. The current regime, the Caddo Parish Commission, in their infinite wisdom,



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decided since their predecessors voted to erect the flagpole, they could vote to remove it. The vote was 11-1 in favor of removal. Many of the commissioners told our members they would vote against the proposal and instead voted for its removal and have refused to return calls and messages. We certainly will remember their deceptive ways on Election Day. On a positive note, they did acknowledge that the UDC owned the monument.

Just as our ancestors were faced with overwhelming odds, we refused to allow our glorious banner to be dishonored and a media spectacle be made of its removal. Members of the Richard Taylor Camp and Shreveport Chapter UDC retired the flag with honor and secured its safe keeping so it may fly another day. The flagpole was removed posthaste early the next day by parish workers. We may have lost this battle, but the struggle continues, and we will press on.

On another sad note, Taylor Camp member, SCV Life member, author, and historian Eric Brock passed away on November 30, after a massive heart attack and stroke suffered on Thanksgiving evening. Eric was a staunch supporter of our cause in his many publications in the Shreveport Journal, Forum News, and the many books he authored.

On December 5, Bailey Camp 2151, and past Allen Camp Commander Bill Griffin passed away. Bill was a long time SCV member and was instrumental in forming our two newest camps. Their obituaries are elsewhere in this newsletter. My life was enriched by knowing these men and I am proud to have called them my friend and Compatriot. They will be missed.

Lest We Forget

David Hill
Commander



1st LT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Compatriots, we are all aware of how the educational establishment, among others, has targeted our ancestors for scorn and hatred. Well there is a silver lining to that cloud. The educational establishment has failed --- almost completely. They are not teaching anything. Students are not learning anything and we have the opportunity to do real teaching every time we make an appearance in public. You can overthrow their best efforts with a handshake and a friendly "let me tell you how it really was."

Things have gone to such a state that the system opposing us could qualify as standup comedy. As part of a teachers' assignment for my classical school, I am reading a book *The Core* about the benefits of the old ways, the teaching of children at home, about what is commonly known as the 'trivium.' While the author and I would not agree on a lot of things... particularly history (she confuses the Declaration with Constitution)... this caught my eye and I think you will at least enjoy knowing it.

In the author's critique of the complete failure of the teaching of math in public school, there is included this tidbit drawn from another author (Diane Ravitch.) Just look at this observation of modern math textbooks: "In a comparison of a 1973 algebra textbook and a 1998 [textbook], Williamson Evers and Paul Clopton found a dramatic change in topics. In the 1973 book, for example, the index for the letter "F" included; factors, factoring, fallacies, finite decimal, finite set, formulas, fractions and func-

tions. In the 1998 book, the ["F"] index listed: families (in poverty data), fast food nutrition data, fat in fast food, feasibility study, feeding tours, Ferris wheel, fish, fishing, flags, flight, floor plan, flower beds, food, football, ford mustang, franchises, and fund-raising carnival."

Aside for the obvious need for everyone to know about the Ford Mustang, this list is a comedy. You will notice it is largely 'social' and 'egalitarian' and not mathematical. A society so taught is not going to be successful. No matter how hateful our opponents, no matter how racist and unreasonable, the bottom line is they cannot function ...they cannot get the job done. Two plus two is four ... not "eat more tofu."

Teach your children the multiplication tables. Teach your children about our ancestors' struggle which is the world's struggle and be ready when ... "The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."

Ted Brode
1st Lt. Commander



2nd LT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings!

I enjoyed getting to see many of you at Camp Moore in November and I trust all of you have had a great Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank the hard-working folks who sponsor and run the annual re-enactment at Camp Moore. I have attended the annual event at Camp Moore for the last ten consecutive years and the event just seems to get better each year! Thank you so much!

As the New Year dawns, it is time again to honor two of the South's greatest heroes. I am speaking of none other than General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Please attend SCV-sponsored Lee-Jackson banquets in your area.

The Captain Thomas O. Benton Camp #1444 will be hosting a National SCV Leadership Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Clarion Inn & Suites and Conference Center, located at 1051 Highway 165, Monroe, LA 71203. Camp Commanders and Adjutants should make every effort to attend this workshop. After we are finished with the workshop, we will head to West Monroe to line up for the Monroe Mardi Gras Parade. With your help, our numbers should be better than ever!

Finally, I would like to invite you to attend the Louisiana Division's 2012 Sesquicentennial event, The Battle of D'Arbonne Bayou on Friday-Sunday, March 9th through 11th at Lake D'Arbonne State Park near Farmerville. The theme of our event will be the Confederate training camp near Vienna called Camp Jackson--where Henry Gray's 28th Louisiana Infantry Regiment trained. The event will include battles at 2:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. Period-style encampment on park grounds will be provided, as well as spots for modern campers and RVs. If you are interested in reserving a cabin or a camper spot at the park, you can make reservations online at <http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/ilakedarb.aspx> or by phone at 1-877-CAMP-N-LA. Reserve cabins and camper spots as soon as possible.

Stay tuned via The True Delta and the Tiger Courier for more

information and updates on this event.

Remember gentlemen, this is your Division. Please put these Division events on your calendar and make every effort to attend. I think you will be glad you did.

Kevin Adkins
2nd Lt. Commander, Louisiana Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Compatriots,
I pray you have had a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year celebration. That you honored the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and will continue to serve and honor Him for the rest of your life. If you are not reading our ATM Chaplain Bro. Len Patterson's weekly messages you are missing out. Request to be put on the Tiger Courier and read it.

Get some smarts -- throw the TV remote out the window and read what is happening to you and your heritage. Do you know that "Southern" is now an offensive word? In his December eighteenth message Bro. Len points out that "Christmas is a Christian holiday". If someone does not want to celebrate it, they don't have to, but leave us to our holiday.

I have asked a number of people if they had read certain articles in the Confederate Veterans magazine and I receive a negative answer. How many of you flip through it and throw it aside unread? Stand tall Brothers, let people know that you are a proud Son of the South. If you do not save your SCV magazine pass it on to someone who might be encouraged to join us. I have all of the SCV magazines for the past twenty years plus the hard bound issues from 1893 to 1934 and it is a great joy to open one of the old ones.

May the coming year be a blessing to you and yours. Support your church and your SCV camp, the true mark of a man is how he fulfills his obligations to his Lord, his family and his country.

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CADDO PARISH COMMISSION VOTES TO REMOVE FLAG FROM MONUMENT

Compatriots,
It is my sad duty to report that the governing body of Caddo Parish, the Caddo Parish Commission voted November 3rd to remove the flagpole from the Caddo Parish Confederate Monument. They had previously determined since the Caddo Parish Police Jury had voted to erect the flagpole, the commission has the legal right to vote to remove it. Regardless of what we think or say, the vote was 11-1 for removal; it was announced the flag-

pole would be removed Friday Nov. 4th at either 11AM or 4PM. This historic spot, where the last Confederate flag was lowered in 1865 and where Gov. Henry Watkins Allen gave his farewell speech to the people of Louisiana has had a Confederate flag flying from that pole since 1951, whether it has been a Battle Flag or currently, a Third National.

Just as our ancestors did, in the face of overwhelming odds, we will not have our beloved flag disgraced and a spectacle made of its removal. Several stalwart compatriots from the Richard Taylor Camp as well as members of the UDC removed the flag, rather than have it fall into the hands of those that do not respect it.

We may have lost the battle today, but we will press on!

God Save the South!
David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division
www.lascv.com



THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PARK

Hello Everyone,
On behalf of the Mansfield State Historic Site and its staff, I want thank all of those who participated in our Halloween nighttime battlefield tour program October 29th. If you recall, last year was one of our best turn-outs in several years. I am happy to report that we topped last year's event in all categories--Number in attendance, total tours taken out, total number of reenactors/volunteers, and visitation proceeds.

Our total visitation for the event this year was 440 people, with 65 reenactors and volunteers (an all-time record for volunteers). Over 15 tours taken out and visitation proceeds totaled \$1,040.00. A hit in all respects! This obviously could not have been done without your help and support of the event. We salute and thank all of you!

We also want to pay a special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Gary Joiner and the Friends of the Mansfield Battlefield for providing food and drinks for the participants, the staffs of Audubon and Fort Saint Jean Baptiste State Historic Sites for providing staffing help during the program, and the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office and DeSoto Fire District 8 for providing security and emergency services for the event.

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year, when we'll go for another record-setting night! You quite literally are helping keep this site open and its history alive. Again, we thank all of you.

Sincerely,
Scott

Scott Dearman
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To: Our Compatriots of the Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

I preface this message with our sincerest thanks to Commander David Hill and Roger Anderson the editor of "Louisiana True Delta" for their gracious support and endorsement of our effort to save this most treasured Icon of the Confederacy.



Confederate Memorial Hall Museum opened 120 years ago and has faced many challenges over the years. A legal dispute with the Ogden Museum of Southern Art / University of New Orleans over the ownership of the museum building cost over \$500,000, but thanks to the Memorial Hall Foundation and the financial support from generous donors, we were successful and remain in our treasured building. Hurricane Katrina devastated the City of New Orleans, thankfully the collection was not damaged and the building was only minimally damaged. The museum was closed for several months and many of our major supporters did not return to New Orleans. Once again the Memorial Hall Foundation was able to help the museum meet their day to day expenses. Another setback occurred when the museum closed for a construction project that was part of the agreement with the University of New Orleans to remain in our building. The museum was completely shut down for over a year. During all of these trying times all ordinary expenses continued without the benefit of any income. With the support of the Memorial Hall Foundation we met the challenges.

The reason for this letter is to ask for your help. The Memorial Hall Foundation has to increase its membership in order to secure the future of the Museum and to continue the vision of the Confederate Veterans who started it over 120 years ago.

Confederate Memorial Hall is located in the "Museum District" and is surrounded by museums that receive federal, state and municipal funding; our museum survives solely on admissions, sales and support of the Foundation. The National World War II Museum is across the street and attracts over 750,000 visitors annually. In short we need money to attract that potential audience that simply walks by each day. To accomplish this we need to improve our signage, buy space in the premier tourist publications and upgrade our museum exhibits.

Please join us today in our mission to secure the future of Confederate Memorial Hall. You can join online at www.confederatemuseum.com or if you prefer contact me at eksublette@bellsouth.net and I will mail a supply of applications and stamped envelopes to you.

Colonel J. A. Chalaron of the Washington Artillery gave a wonderful speech when the museum opened over 120 years ago. We often refer to this speech when explaining the reason the Confederate Veterans established Memorial Hall. Speaking to dignitaries, fellow soldiers, citizens and their children he declared,

"to these sacred and inspiring objects we should extend our fullest measure of love and protection. We must guard them with the tender care with which a mother watches over her child. We must see that they are transmitted to our descendents as object lessons which will inspire them with a reverence of the past and incite them with a determination to emulate the patriotism, and devotion to the duty of those who have gone before".

Deo Vindice,
E. Kemper Sublette
President
Memorial Hall Foundation



Flag of the 5th Company Battalion Washington Artillery

Flag of the 25th Louisiana Infantry

from the Collection of Confederate Memorial Hall



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SCV NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

As we process through the challenging years of the Sesquicentennial, leadership training has become even more important to the defense of our Southern heritage. In an effort to insure that our members better understand the challenges of leadership roles and to aid our leaders in acquiring the knowledge to better perform their duties, the SCV has scheduled a 2012 National Leadership Workshop.

This year's event will be held February 11, 2012 at the Clarion Inn & Suites and Conference Center, located at 1051 Highway 165, Monroe, LA 71203. It will be hosted by the Captain Thomas O. Benton Camp 1444. A tentative schedule for the day is posted below along with registration and lodging information.

Please note that this event will include relevant presentations and individual workshops for more specialized training for Commanders and Adjutants; however, ALL members are invited to attend!

8:00 - 8:15 Welcome & SCV Protocol Cmdr. Thomas Taylor, Camp 1444
8:15 - 8:30 Introductions & Overview Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
8:30 - 9:15 Commanders & Command CIC R. Michael Givens
9:15 - 9:30 BREAK
9:30 - 10:15 Adjutants & Administration AIC Chuck Rand
10:15 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 - 11:15 Recruiting & Retention Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
11:15 - 12:15 DINNER
12:15 - 1:00 Heritage Defense Chief of Heritage Defense Dr Tom Hiter
1:00 - 1:15 BREAK
1:15 - 2:00 Commander's & Adjutant's Workshops CIC, Lt. CIC & AIC
2:00 - 2:15 BREAK
2:15 - 2:30 Concluding Remarks & Discussion Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow

Benediction

Registration, which includes lunch, is only \$14 each and will be handled through our General Headquarters at Elm Springs. You may mail a reservation with a check or call 1-800-380-1896 (Cindy) or email accounting@scv.org with credit card information (MC, VISA or AMEX)

Clarion Inn & Suites and Conference Center
1051 Highway 165, Monroe, LA, US, 71203
www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-monroe-louisiana-LA254

SCV Rate \$69 plus tax (DBL)

Registration Sheet

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Camp number _____

Check enclosed () or

Credit Card (MC, VISA, or AMEX) Number _____ Expires _____

COTTON MUSEUM REPORT

Members of the Captain Thomas O. Benton camp 1444, Benton's Bell Battery #2672, and the 13th (LVI) journeyed to Lake Providence to support the Louisiana Cotton Museum on Saturday, November 5.

We were there at the request of the Cotton Museum and a history professor from (ULM) who did a program for our camp. Unfortunately, the expected crowds did not turn out as promised and the displays from the Smithsonian were, at best, disappointing.

The only thing gleaned from the visitors was that there is a very large Mennonite community in the area and they have little to do on Saturdays. The displays from the Smithsonian were overwhelmingly racial in their information and the whole thing was a civil rights propaganda circus. There were even two water fountains labeled "White" and "Colored". I would have to say the highlight of the day was when one member's young son tried to make "Colored" water come out of the fountain.

The South was portrayed as evil and racist and the poor minorities were abused by the white overlords, not just the black minorities but the Chinese were also. The whole day was a sad disappointment for the members who gave their time and energy to an endeavor that had little to do with Southern history. There wasn't anything to make one think of a cotton museum in the display except for seeing the poor defenseless slaves with a whip wielding overseer picking cotton in the fields.

Although the museum curator was a very nice lady who expressed over and over how much she appreciated us being there I hope that the next time I ask our people to give up their Saturday it will be for a more appropriate endeavor. Many thanks to all who did come out and do their best for the Cause.

Thomas E. Taylor
Northeast Brigade Commander
Louisiana Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans



CHENNAULT AVIATION MUSEUM REPORT

Saturday, November 5, 2011

I am pleased to report that the SCV men of the following Camps: McGuire, T.O. Benton, Nicholson, Claiborne Invincibles, and Elijah Ward were not only well received but also made a viable part of the whole kaleidoscope of our nation's history at the veterans day program held at the Chennault Aviation Museum in Monroe.

The event was not the living history event that we had believed it would be. Instead, it was basically a two part program consisting of, first, a veterans day 'speechafying,' remembrance, and making awards time, followed (after dinner) by a second part consisting of a firing demonstration which basically went 'through history.'

It is my sad duty to report that Steve Ray, of the McGuire camp while representing the flintlock era, was unable to out load or fire faster than the M1 Garand of World War II --- but then --- that is no real spot on his record and the crowd was well entertained by his hard work.

We were surely fortunate Saturday as none of the patriotic speeches hiccupped by mentioning the "L-word" as saving the

nation or freeing the slaves or the like. The crowd called for "one more shot" from the 4th La. Artillery and after demonstrating various kinds of firings the reenactors (mostly SCV) of the 31st and 13th LA gathered round to sing Dixie---in public. All in all---a good day.



Jim Miller (L) and Steve Ray (R) Representing the "boys of 76" at the Chenault Museum in Monaroe on Nov 5.



Gerald Graves (L) and Ted Brode (R) Representing the "boys of 61" at the Chenault Museum in Monaroe on Nov 5.

PS: If I missed anyone, sorry 'bout dat...just another senior moment

Ted Brode
1st Lt. Commander



FORWARDING THE COLORS IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Friends and Compatriots,

On the afternoon of Sunday November 6, 2011, the City of Port Allen, Louisiana (located on the west bank of the Mississippi River, opposite of Baton Rouge), held their West Baton Rouge Parish Veterans Parade. A U.S. Marine color guard, various active military units, high school ROTC squads, law enforcement units, and a bagpipes and drum corps led a procession through the streets of downtown Port Allen (a 1.6 mile route

from the city's baseball park to the Parish Courthouse). Included in the procession was number of convertibles (that featured beauty queens and veterans), floats, decorated trucks and trailers (that carried U.S. veterans from W.B.R. and neighboring parishes, as well as a number of dignitaries, local celebrities, and patriotic people of every walk of life). Included among those participating (for the second consecutive year) was a Confederate unit, sponsored by the Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133, Sons of Confederate Veterans, of Baton Rouge.

Following a lead-in from the massive guns of the U.S.S. Kidd from its mooring across the Mississippi and an overhead pass by two fighter jets, an eleven man Confederate re-enactor color guard opened the festivities with rifle fire, followed by artillery fire from a two man gun crew of the Fifth Company, Washington Artillery re-enactors. Just as last year, the Louisiana Lt. Governor, Jay Dardenne, eagerly accepted the invitation to fire the cannon.



Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne fires the 5th Company Washington Artillery gun to start the parade.

With that the parade began, with the procession marching past the Confederate re-enactors lined at attention on the east side of the street (First National and Second National Confederate Flags waving proudly in the breeze). About mid-way of the procession, the Confederate Color Guard fell in behind the Allen Camp's float. There were fifteen riders on the entry, followed by two females in period dress, many throwing candy, beads & SCV recruiting coins. The Confederate Color Guard also handed out recruiting coins when appropriate, and fired a number of times during the march (including once to honor those veterans gathered in front of the Parish Museum). The parade ended at the West Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse (the front of which was covered by a giant United States flag). The re-enactors (portraying the Col. Allen's 4th LA infantry of W.B.R. Parish) marched to the Henry Watkins Allen statue in the small park across from the courthouse, held a short ceremony in which the City and Camp 133's namesake was remembered by Commander Jarreau, before a final rifle salute was fired in his honor.

Again the Confederate contingent was welcomed with open arms and words of praise. It is hoped that we will be able to continue our participation in next year's parade.

Listed below are the camps and units that participated:
Allen SCV #133 Baton Rouge, Beauregard SCV #130 New Or-

leans, Washington Artillery, 5th Co. Baton Rouge, 10th Brigade LA Militia Baton Rouge, Tishomingo Avengers Jackson, Mississippi

Participants: James & Nelson Cannon, Randy & Stephanie Jarreau, Izzibelle Manuel, Noah Biggers, the Villere family (David, Christian, Joshua, Stephanie, Deedie), the Milam family (Dustan, Wendy, Madison & Elaina), Donnie's son, Rebecca & Madeline Orsak, Susan Waters, Grayson Ussery, Ed & Marty Ernewein, Clay Ainsworth, (Capt) Glenn Harrison, (Capt.) Charles Tucker, Emmett Eaton, Robbie Burnett, Jeff Johnson and Beverly Coots. Special thanks to the honorable Jay Dardenne for accepting our invitation to fire the cannon.



Color Guard offers a salute at the statue of Confederate General & Louisiana Governor Henry Watkins Allen.

Please excuse the inadvertent omission of any participants. Thanks to everyone who assisted in offering this Confederate presence, especially David Villere (who chaired the event for the Allen Camp and decorated the float), Mrs. Jarreau (for the photographs), Captain Harrison (for supplying the artillery piece), Captain Tucker for leading the Color Guard, and Jeff Johnson (who used his truck to tow the float),

Randy Jarreau, Commander
Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133
Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



BOSSIER PARISH MARKER DEDICATION

Thanks to all that attended the marker dedication November 13 in Bossier Parish. My best count was 35 in attendance.

Camps/Chapters in attendance were;

Col. Leon Marks - Shreveport, Gen. Richard Taylor - Shreveport, Gen. T. M. Scott - Minden, Claiborne Invincibles - Claiborne Parish, Sgt. James Nicholson - Ruston, Maj. Thomas McGuire - West Monroe, Lt. Elijah Ward - Farmerville, Minden Blues Chapter UDC - Minden, Kate Beard Chapter UDC - Mansfield

Lest We Forget

David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division



BATTLE OF D'ARBONNE LANDING



Date: March 10 & 11, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM Each Day

Location:

Lake D'Arbonne State Park

3628 Evergreen Rd.

Farmerville, LA 71241

Come feel the vibrations of the big guns and witness the Civil War brought to life! Bring the whole family!

**Contact person: Kevin Adkins
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**Sponsored By:
Louisiana Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Lake D'Arbonne State Park**





SCV men honoring those who resisted New England's Tyranny in the 1760s a hundred years before the grandsons and great grandsons of those same men resisted New England's tyranny in the 1860s. The event in St. Martinsville commemorated the arrival of the first refugees to arrive on bayou Teche after having been driven from their homes in Acadia, Canada. Left to right are: Lewis Ducros Sr. and Lewis Ducros Jr. of the Captain T.O Benton Camp, Ted Brode of the Major Thomas McGuire Camp, Paul Bergeron of the General Harry T. Hays Camp, and Mike Roberts of the General Richard Taylor Camp.

REMEMBERING OUR CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS

Color Sergeant and Camp Historian Rickey Robertson of the Sabine Rifles Camp 2057 Many, La. was guest speaker for the Newton County Historical Commission, Newton Texas on Thursday December 1, 2011.

The Newton County Historical Commission has gathered some Confederate items and documents in the new museum that has been established by the group.


Compatriot Robertson brought a program entitled "Remembering Our Confederate Ancestors", in which he gave information to the crowd concerning the fighting men of the Confederacy and that these men were our ancestors, and our ancestors were not traitors, but men who fought with honor, courage, and love of their beloved Dixie.

Compatriot Robertson gave those in attendance information on how to find Confederate military and pension records, unit histories, cemetery records, and information through various local, state, and national programs where those interested in their Confederate ancestors could begin the process of locating their family members.

One thing of interest is that the Historical Commission in Newton County has located and identified 122 cemeteries, and

ALL known Confederate military personnel buried in them. This is a great accomplishment and should give SCV members an incentive to locate all Confederate burials in our area.



In attendance in the audience, along with Compatriot Robertson's wife, Patsy Robertson of the Major Josephus Irvine Camp 2664 UDC, were Major Josephus Irvine Camp 2031SCV Newton, Texas Commander John Hillman and his wife, Kathy, also a member of the Major Josephus Irvine Camp 2664 UDC. All were dressed in period dress and received many favorable comments on the dresses and uniforms. In closing the program, Compatriot Robertson asked the audience for their assistance in singing Dixie. A rousing rendition of Dixie was uplifted by all, with cheers for Dixie being voiced by many. 

NATCHITOCHEs CHRISTMAS PARADE REPORT

We were blessed with cool temperatures, light breezes and the rain held off as we forwarded the colors in the annual Natchitoches Christmas Parade. Thanks to all that participated.



Groups in attendance were: Capt Jesse Amason 282 - Center, TX, Brig Gen Leroy Stafford 358 - Alexandria, Brig Gen J J Alfred A Mouton 778 - Opelousas, Claiborne Invincibles 797 - Claiborne Parish, Lt Gen Richard Taylor 1308 - Shreveport, Capt Thomas O Benton 1444 - Monroe, Sgt James Nicholson 1478 - Ruston, Col Samuel D Russell 1617 - Natchitoches, Maj Thomas McGuire 1714 - West Monroe, Col James H Beard 1856 - Logansport, Lt Elijah Ward 1971 - Farmerville, Anacoco Rangers 1995 - Leesville, Brig Gen Louis Hebert 2032 - Lafayette, Shreveport Chapter UDC - Shreveport, Benton's Bell Battery

UDC – Monroe, 1st Battery Co. B, SCV Mechanized Cavalry

My apologies if any group has been overlooked.

Lest We Forget

David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8 - Monthly black powder firepower demonstration day at Port Hudson State Historic Site.

January 14—Northeast Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, 6:00 PM, Ruston

January 14, 15 - Winter Quarters 1860s military campsite display and demonstration at Port Hudson State Historic Site.

January 21 - 78th Annual Lee/Jackson Luncheon, 11:00 AM, Sponsored by the Shreveport Chapter 237 UDC and the Northwest Brigade SCV, Shreveport.

January 21 – Mouton Camp Lee-Jackson & Secession Banquet 6:00pm, Opelousas

February 5 - Monthly black powder firepower demonstration day at Port Hudson State Historic Site.

March 4 - Monthly black powder firepower demonstration day at Port Hudson State Historic Site.

May 11, 12 – Louisiana Division 2012 Reunion, Shreveport

July 11th-14th - National SCV Reunion, hosted by Murfreesboro Camp #33, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



HOMER CHRISTMAS PARADE 2011

Claiborne Invincibles Camp would like to express their deep thanks to all that participated in the parade. Once again YOU made it happen. Because of ya'll we won 3rd place in the parade! Number in attendance was approximately 31. If I failed to acknowledge your presence at the parade, please accept my apology.

Camps in attendance were: Lt. Richard Taylor 1308 – Shreveport, Capt. Thomas O. Benton 1444 – Monroe, Sgt. James W. Nicholson 1478 – Ruston, Maj. Thomas McGuire 1714 -- West Monroe, Lt. Elijah Ward Camp 1971 – Farmerville, 1st. Battalion Co. B. 1st & 2nd Platoons SCVMC, UDC Chapter

Benton's Bell Battery.

Hope y'all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Commander Bobby White



At the recent camp Moore reenactment, members of the Camp Moore Camp #1223 unveiled their new camp flag. The camp flag is based on the camp Moore garrison flag that flew over the Confederate base during the war pictured in front Commander Randy Ritchie, left to right, compatriots Jim Tyrney, Ken Geoffiron, Hudson Jones, Bobby Wascom, John Pigott Devin Dorsey. Behind them kneeling is Robert Stringfield, standing James Jacobs. Holding the flag is Bryan Jones and Jim Stringfield.

2011-2012 H. L. HUNLEY JROTC AWARDS UPDATE

The preparations for this year's H. L. Hunley high school JROTC awards seems to be progressing fairly well this year. Statewide, within the Louisiana Division, we have grown from 9 awards last year, to 16 planned so far for this school year. This past summer, the SCV's H. L. Hunley JROTC Award was added to the Air Force JROTC cadet manual as an authorized award. This now makes the award officially authorized by all services. In past years, Air Force JROTC headquarters had verbally advised high school JROTC instructors that they could allow cadets to accept the award. Some instructors were, however reluctant to do so without official authorization in writing. With that hurdle now cleared, we have noticed an influx of Air Force JROTC units participating in our program. The school's we have listed, so far, as participating in the award program and their respective local SCV camp sponsors are: Benton High Air Force JROTC – Bossier Parish – Taylor Camp #1308, Lakeview High Air Force JROTC – Natchitoches Parish – Russell Camp #1617, Natchitoches-Central High Army JROTC – Natchitoches Parish – Russell Camp #1617, Donaldsonville High Air Force JROTC – Ascension Parish – Allen Camp #133, Buckeye High Army JROTC – Rapides Parish – Not Yet Sponsored, Ville Platte High Army JROTC – Evangeline Parish – Mouton Camp #778, Jeanerette High Army JROTC – Not Yet Sponsored, South Beauregard High Army JROTC – Beauregard Parish – Cooper Camp #1665,

La Grange High Navy JROTC – Calcasieu Parish – Bryan Camp #1390, Pearl River High Navy JROTC – St. Tammany Parish – Slidell Camp #1727, Ponchatoula High Marine JROTC – Tangipahoa Parish – Self-Sponsored this year only, Helen Cox High Air Force JROTC – Jefferson Parish – Beauregard Camp #130, L. W. Higgins High Air Force JROTC – Jefferson Parish – Beauregard Camp #130, Riverdale High Air Force JROTC – Jefferson Parish – Beauregard Camp #130, West Jefferson High Air Force JROTC – Jefferson Parish – Beauregard Camp #130, Jesuit High Marine JROTC – Orleans Parish – Beauregard Camp #130.

These award presentations are slated to take place between January and May 2012. As last year, we expected a few more schools to express interest in the program later in the year. And, as last year, we will coordinate to make presentations as each additional school comes along.

For those not altogether familiar with the Hunley Award program, here is a little bit of information. The Hunley Award began as a high school JROTC award in 2007 in South Carolina for Navy and Marine JROTC units only. In 2008 it was extended to include Army and Air Force JROTC units in South Carolina. In 2009, the program was enlarged to a nationwide program. The first award of the medal took place in Louisiana during the 2009-2010 school year. The Hunley Award Program is now in its third year in Louisiana. The award, which includes a medal, a ribbon, and a certificate is intended to be awarded to a rising second year cadet who has demonstrated strong corps values, honor, courage and commitment to their unit during the school year. The award can, however go to any cadet the school's JROTC instructor deems most deserving.

James M. Cannon
State Coordinator, Louisiana Division
SCV H. L. Hunley JROTC Awards Program



In Memoriam

Robert Thomas McGregor

Robert Thomas McGregor died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at home in Baton Rouge. He was born Oct. 19, 1950, in New Orleans. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald H. McGregor. He is survived by his mother, Ruth McGregor.

He graduated from Broadmoor High School and LSU, where he was the photographer for the LSU Sports Information Department. Many of these photographs appear on the walls of Baton Rouge restaurants, namely, TJ Ribs and Ruffino's. He was also doing photo work for the New Orleans Saints weekly publication and one photo is on display at the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Later, he attended one year at the LSU Law School. Then he took an MBA class at Tulane and his final exam exhibit is on display in the Tulane Library.

When moving to California, he was hired by the cruise ships, The Pacific Far East Lines to Australia, then by American Presidents Lines to Japan as the sole photographer on board. After moving to Las Vegas, he attended UNLV and did their sports photography. He also worked for Summa Corp. (the Howard Hughes empire) at which time he took their national publication photo of Raquel Welch, a movie queen.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Rabenhorst East.
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William Glen Griffin Jr.



William Glen
Griffin, Jr

William Glen Griffin Jr. was born on Jan. 26, 1948, and was delivered into the hands of the Lord on Monday, Dec. 5, 2011. He was born in Minden to William Glen Griffin Sr. and Ruth Duke Griffin.

He attended Minden High School, where he played trumpet and bass horn in the marching band, concert band, honors band and also performed with his band director in a Dixieland, four-piece band. He attended Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in Ruston and completed Ayers School of Business in Shreveport.

Bill worked at the Exxon Plastics plant as the security director for 28 years. After leaving there, he worked at Woman's Hospital in security for a short time. He was a charter member of the American Society of Industrial Security, serving as president, vice president and treasurer in Baton Rouge.

Bill was active in Boy Scouts as a Boy Scout adult leader beginning in 1987, when his first son, Brad, became active in Scouting and later with Marc, some 14 years. He was a Cubmaster, Tiger Cub leader, assistant den leader, den leader, Webelos den leader and Assistant Scoutmaster.

He was a member of the Baton Rouge Genealogy Society, Winn Parish Genealogical and Historical Association, Sons of Confederate Veterans and Military Order of Stars and Bars. The Sons of Confederate Veterans was founded in 1896. He has served the SCV as color sergeant, second lieutenant commander and newsletter editor of the "Camp Courier" He was a past commander of Gen. Henry Watkins Allen SCV Camp No. 133 in Baton Rouge. He was a commander of the Military Order of Stars and Bars C.S.S. Arkansas Chapter in Baton Rouge. He was also a Louisiana SCV division genealogist and worked to help many people find their Confederate ancestors and join the SCV and MOS&B.

Bill is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary Griffin, of Baton Rouge; sons, Brad Griffin, of New Orleans, and Marc Griffin, of Baton Rouge; mother, Ruth Griffin, of Minden; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jan and Ken Starks, of Natchitoches, Becky and Larry Sanders, of Cotton Valley; brother, Gary Griffin of Minden; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sue and Tommy Paillette, of Alto; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Glen and Nickie Grantham, of Baton Rouge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He made his profession of faith in Christ at Parkway Baptist Church in Minden, and graciously became a member of Broadmoor Methodist Church with his wife in Baton Rouge.

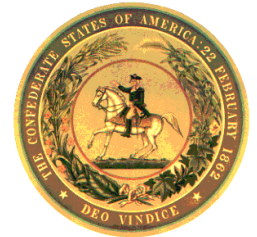
He was preceded in death by his father, William Glen Griffin Sr.; and grandmothers, Bea Carpenter and Willie Duke.

Bill was a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Visitation held at Resthaven Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Highway, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visitation resumes at the funeral home on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 1 p.m. until service time at 3 p.m. Burial at Gwin Cemetery, Mangham, on Thursday, Dec. 8, at noon.

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Eric John Brock

SHREVEPORT, LA - The visitation for Eric John Brock will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011 at Rose-Neath Marshall Street. A private interment will be held later.

Local historian, author, and historic preservationist Eric John Brock died in Shreveport on November 30, 2011, at the age of 45 as the result of a heart attack. He was born on September 24, 1966, in Berkeley, California, but he moved with his family to Shreveport at a very early age and became one of her most devoted citizens. Mr. Brock, a 1988 graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana, was the author of over 500 articles on Shreveport, Northwest Louisiana, and Louisiana historical topics. His columns "The Presence of the Past," for the Shreveport Journal and "A Look Back" for the Forum Weekly and the sixteen books he wrote on Shreveport and Louisiana history will help to preserve the memory of a life cut tragically too short. The city of Shreveport will forever be indebted to Eric for his numerous contributions preserving Shreveport's past.

A favorite quotation of Eric's was by Jim Hightower: "The middle of the road is for yellow lines and dead armadillos," and it is not surprising that this sentiment resonated with him. Everything Eric did, he did with passion and intensity. With unwavering loyalty, Eric was always ready to engage in battle for any person or cause that he loved, armed with his encyclopedic knowledge of a wide range of subjects and his razor-sharp wit.



Eric John Brock

But those closest to him also knew a quieter, though no less committed, side of him as well. He is remembered by many for his eager willingness to share his vast knowledge of a number of topics, ranging from Shreveport history to classical numismatics. Both his kind heart and his doorway would open to any cat in need of a home, despite his allergies. He will be missed by his beloved cats, Buddy, Huey, Princess, and Allie, and preceded in death by Puddie, Brooki, Baby, and Henry. In one of his final acts of generosity, as Eric began focusing more of his research on ancient Roman history and culture, he donated his extensive collection of historic Shreveport images and memorabilia, collected over a lifetime, to the LSUS Archives, where they will be available for research to the public.

His grandparents Marion Laflin Berg and Warner Edward Berg preceded Mr. Brock in death. He is mourned by his widow, Shannon Glasheen Brock, his mother, Victoria Berg Brock, both of Shreveport, LA; his father, Robert Donald Brock of El Cajon, CA; grandmother, Frances J. Smith Brock of Poway, CA. The family wishes to thank the physicians and staff in MICU at LSUHSC for their concerned care.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Oakland Preservation Society of Shreveport at oaklandcemeteryla.org or to The Torre Argentina Cat Sanctuary of Rome, Italy at www.romancats.com.

Requiescat in pace.

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***Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous
2012!***