



# Newsletter of **Capt. W.H. McCauley**

**Camp 260 • Dickson County Tennessee**

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## **Camp 260 Officers**

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# **The Nathan Bedford Forrest Home**

THE NEXT MEETING OF CAMP 260 WILL BE ON THURSDAY JUNE 3RD 2004 AT 6:30 PM AT THE NEW DICKSON CO. LIBRARY ON HWY 70 ACROSS FROM THE KROGER SHOPPING CENTER. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND BRING A VISITOR.

## **N.B. Forrest Home Chairman Gene Andrews of Sam Davis Camp**

in Brentwood will be the guest speaker at our next meeting. Gene has tirelessly worked to restore the boyhood home of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. Compatriot Andrews will discuss the ongoing restoration of the General's home & the upcoming fundraiser 'Forrest Homecoming 2004' to be held there on June 19th.

FORREST HOMECOMING~A Southern Heritage Festival & Fundraiser for THE NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST HOME SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH ~ 9AM TO 8PM

MAP & FLYER

<http://www.dixiedrifter.com/bedford-homecoming04.html>

2003 PHOTOS: go to <http://duckriverrifles.50megs.com/photo2.html>

Confederate Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery Re-enactors, Musical Entertainment, Storytelling, Crafts, Auction, Historical Lectures and Tours. On the grounds of the Forrest Boyhood Home On Pyles Road, off Hwy. 99 between Hwy. 31-A and 1-65 Near Chapel Hill, TN

Sponsored by the Army of Tennessee, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Admission: \$5 per person, under 12 free

Barbeque Supper (5pm) Reservations~Send \$8 per person to: Forrest Homecoming % Sons of Confederate Veterans, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, Tennessee 38402

Home/Sutler/Vendor/Reenactor Info:

Gene Andrews~615-833-8977

We have plenty of room and visitors are always welcome. Please make plans now to attend!

Ya'll Come~ Cmdr. B. Sharp, 'Squirrel', Capt. McCauley 260, DC

Congratulate Tom Forehand for his R. E. Lee award. He's been a supporter of our camp speaking whenever we'd give him the chance & is in our neck of the woods with kin buried here in DC. He's a good man.

## **TN Division 2004 Award Winners**

Compatriots,

It is my duty and privilege to announce the winners of the 2004 Tennessee Division Awards, presented at the Division Reunion in Cookeville, TN., April 24, 2004. Nominations and supporting documentation were solicited from all camps across the division. A selection committee was established for each award and each nominee was examined and rated. We had many extremely qualified nominees and it is a credit to our members and leadership to have such an active Division and so many worthy camps and projects. It should also be noted that every year there are a couple of camps nominated for awards who subsequently became disqualified due to non-attendance at the Division Reunion. It is expected that if a camp is setting a good example by receiving an award then they need to further set a good example by attendance at the Reunion: no attendance, no award. This occurred again in 2004 and two camps were disqualified since they had no representative at the Reunion.

Here are the awards for 2004:

### **The Sam Davis Award: Our "Camp of the Year" award;**

Presented to the Camp with the best combination of the following attributes:

Excellent representation of the SCV to the public at large; participation in or sponsorship of community service events; participation in or sponsorship of SCV and other Southern Heritage events; has completed or is pursuing an outstanding project; shows a rapid growth and/or high retention in membership. The winning camp consistently excels in ALL the above categories and more.

1<sup>st</sup> — Dillard-Judd Camp # 1828, Cookeville

2<sup>nd</sup> — Tod Carter # 854, Franklin

3<sup>rd</sup> — N. B. Forrest # 215, Memphis

3<sup>rd</sup> — Ft. Donelson # 249, Dover

Honorable Mention — Capt. W. H. McCauley #260, Dickson Co.

Honorable Mention — Champ Ferguson # 2014, Monterey

### **The Jefferson Davis Heritage Award:**

Presented to a member(s) of the Tennessee Division who has rendered outstanding service to the organization or contributed to the maintenance of our Heritage.

1<sup>st</sup> — Skip Earle, TN Div Cdr, for camp growth, membership growth, SCV tag success

2<sup>nd</sup> — Steve McDaniel, Ingram #219, for SCV tag success

3<sup>rd</sup> — Jack Taylor II, Adjutant, Sam R. Watkins Camp #29, Columbia

**The Robert E. Lee Support Award:**

Presented to an individual or organization outside the ranks of the S.C.V. who has rendered valuable service or support to any Camp, the S.C.V., or our Southern Heritage.

1<sup>st</sup> — Thomas Forehand, Clarksville, for presentations on Robert E. Lee

2<sup>nd</sup> — Mae Beavers, State senator, for SCV license tag assistance

3<sup>rd</sup> — Donna McCartney, Memphis, recruiting and promoting SCV events

**The Edward Ward Carmack Media Coverage Award:**

Presented to an individual or organization for the best media coverage of the S.C.V., Tennessee Division, or our Southern Heritage. Winner not required to be a member of the SCV.

1<sup>st</sup> — Craig Boerner, reporter, Nashville City Paper, fair & balanced articles on SCV license tag

2<sup>nd</sup> — Bill Shuster, publisher, & Charles Denning, editor, Cookeville Herald-Citizen

3<sup>rd</sup> — Mrs. Byrne Dunn, editor, Lewis County Herald, Hohenwald

**The Tod Carter “Best Newsletter” Award:**

Presented to the Editor of the best Camp newsletter in the Division.

Judging is on a 100 points system under the following criteria: Format, Camp News, Historical Content, Original articles & material on the war; National & Division News, Current events & news pertaining to the S.C.V.; Editorials, Commentary on events of interest to the S.C.V.; Local News, overall appeal.

1<sup>st</sup> — “First With The Most” newsletter, N. B. Forrest Camp # 215, Memphis

2<sup>nd</sup> — “Highlander Dispatch”, Dillard-Judd # 1828, Cookeville, editor David Daniels

3<sup>rd</sup> — “McCauley Newsletter”, Capt McCauley # 260, Dickson County, ed. Dale Qualls

Honorable Mention — “The Nixon Chronicle”, Col. George Nixon # 214, Lawrenceburg

Honorable Mention — “Mint Julep Journal”, Tod Carter # 854, Franklin

Honorable Mention — “Wigfall Grays News”, Wigfall Grays # 1560, Collierville

Honorable Mention — “Confederate Guerilla”, Champ Ferguson # 2014, Monterey

**The George Ellsworth Camp Home Page / Web Site Award:**

Presented to the webmaster of the Camp with the best web site. The below list, in order of importance, is the criteria utilized to judge camp websites:

1) Loads and displays easily and quickly; 2) Easy to navigate;

3) Readable and appealing; 4) CONSISTENTLY UPDATED!;

5) Informative (No doubt as to who we are & what we’re about!)

6) Colorful (including OUR flags); 7) Makes use of active graphics (ie: bells & whistles such as waving flags, firing cannon etc) [however, this is the least important aspect of the site]

A camp website is not eligible to win two years in a row.

1<sup>st</sup> — Capt McCauley # 260, webmaster Bryan Sharp

2<sup>nd</sup> — Dillard-Judd # 1828, Alan Rader

3<sup>rd</sup> — N. B. Forrest #215, Joe Bagley

Honorable Mention — Champ Ferguson # 2014, Dale Welch

Honorable Mention — (last year’s winner, so not eligible) Sam R. Watkins #29, Billy Jackson

**The Dr. Rosalie Carter Camp Scrapbook Award:**

A rotating award presented to the Camp with the best scrapbook. Entry must be as “up to date” as possible. Visual appeal is important.

1<sup>st</sup> — N. B. Forrest Camp #215, Memphis

2<sup>nd</sup> — Dillard-Judd #1828, Cookeville

3<sup>rd</sup> — Champ Ferguson #2014, Monterey

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Millar,

1st Lt. Commander,

Tennessee Division, SCV

CONFEDERATE QUOTES

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“The Confederate soldiers were our kinfolk and our heroes. We testify to the country our enduring fidelity to their memory. We commemorate their valor and devotion. There were some things that were not surrendered at Appomattox. We did not surrender our rights in history, nor was it one of the conditions of surrender that unfriendly lips should be suffered to tell the story of that war or that unfriendly hands should write the epitaphs of the Confederate dead. We have a right to teach our children the true history of that war, the causes that led up to it, and the principles involved.”

Senator Edward W. Carmack, 1903

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‘I love the Union and the Constitution, but I would rather leave the Union with the Constitution than remain in the Union without it.’ —President Jefferson Davis

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‘I am with the South in death, in victory or defeat. I never owned a Negro and care nothing for them, but these people have been my friends and have stood up to me on all occasions. In addition to this, I believe the North is about to wage a brutal and unholy war on a people who have done them no wrong, in violation of the constitution and the fundamental principles of the government. They no longer acknowledge that all government derives its validity from the consent of the governed.’

—General Patrick Cleburne

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DICKSON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL HISTORIES:  
MAJOR RICHARD ‘DICK’ McCANN~CONFEDERATE  
GUERRILLA / CAPTURED BON AQUA SPRINGS TN 1863  
HOME OF MAJ. PHILIP VAN HORN WEEMS C.S.A.

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Who was Dick McCann? The following descriptive article was found among the papers of Dr. John S. Park, beloved 19th century Franklin physician. His great-granddaughter, Fannie Park Gebhart kindly made available the very rare Civil War era Franklin published newspaper.

Being unfamiliar with Capt. Dick McCann, several inquiries for more information was made on our local infamous Confederate guerilla. Thanks to Mike Cotten author of The Williamson County Cavalry, A History of Company F Fourth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, CSA, 1994, additional information was obtained. Also, Clayton’s History of Davidson County, 1880, Nashville’s Union & American, and Confederate Veteran were consulted and will be presented as found.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH RICHARD McCANN by Mike Cotten

Dick McCann enlisted at Nashville on May 10. 1861, in “The Cheatham Rifles” (later Co. B of the 11th TN Inf Regt.). He was elected captain of the company. His younger brother, Ben, was first lieutenant of Co. D of the

same regiment. About March of 1862, Capt. McCann received permission from the Secretary of War to re-enlist his company as cavalry and to organize a battalion with two additional companies. He claims to have been assigned one company from the 34th Tn Inf. and another from Atlanta, Ga. A dispute regarding the conscript law ensued, and McCann was evidently prevented from transferring his company to mounted service. He submitted his resignation on May 23, 1862 after being arrested and jailed for drunkenness. Col James E. Rains of the 11th Infantry wrote the commanding general recommending that McCann’s resignation be accepted and accusing him of incompetence, drunkenness, disrespect to superior officers and mutinous language in the presence of the troops.

It is likely that it was Rains who had objected to the company (the largest in his regiment) being transferred to the cavalry and that as a result bad blood had developed between he and McCann. The colonel wanted to avoid a court martial trail which he seemed to doubt would go his way, but seized upon the opportunity to be rid of an officer who he believed could and would incite trouble among the troops. McCann himself reports that his men were extremely disappointed at not being allowed to join the cavalry service. His resignation apparently went through and he promptly began to recruit a new cavalry command. He was joined by his brother, Ben, who had not been re-elected at the 11th Infantry’s reorganization.

On Sept. 1, 1862, McCann’s Squadron of two companies was mustered into service at Lavergne, TN. One troop was commanded by McCann himself; the other by Capt. Felix Hays Blackman, formerly a lieutenant in the 1st TN Cavalry Battalion. The squadron was briefly attached to Maj. Dewitt C. Douglass’s Battalion, but was transferred to the 9th TN Cavalry Regiment about December 23, 1862, and Marmaduke “Duke” Cox was elected captain of the company in his place. Despite their assignment to the regiment, McCann’s Squadron continued to do independent partisan service for much of the fall and winter of 1862-63.

The 9th Tennessee was assigned to Gen. John Hunt Morgan’s Division and was the only non Kentucky unit in that organization. Morgan’s cavalry set out for a raid into Indiana and Ohio in July 1863. Most of the command was captured on this expedition, but a few men escaped and made their way back through Virginia to rejoin the main army near Chickmauga. McCann was evidently on detached service at the time and not with the regiment in Ohio. Federal POW records show that he was captured with his men at Weam’s Springs Bon Aqua in Hickman County TN August 19th, 1863. Major McCann was imprisoned at Johnson’s Island, N.Y. He was exchanged at Camp Hamilton, Va., in Feb. 1865, and promptly rejoined the army. He surrendered at August, Ga., May 5, and took the oath of allegiance at Nashville, May 13.

His parole states that he was 5’10" in height and had a fair complexion, dark hair and grey eyes.

## ARTICLES FROM THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN ANECDOTE OF DICK McCANN

(VOL. II PG. 379)

The famous Dick McCann was scouting around Nashville, holding high carnival and behaving himself much as Morgan had formerly done on the same ground. Capt. McCann had served for some time in infantry, but found it too slow for him. He accompanied our command in our first raid into Kentucky, and served with distinction in our operations around Gallatin during the summer of 1862. It would be impossible to relate all of his numerous adventures.

He was busy prowling around night and day, and rarely permitted the enemy to venture beyond the fortifications of Nashville without some evidence of his thoughtful attention. Just before we arrived at Gallatin, his existence came very near a termination. He went on a scout one night with two of his men and Dr. Robert Williams. The Doctor frequently accompanied him on those visits, as termed them, to the scenes of his happy childhood. Near the city they came upon a picket stand, and McCann sent his two men around to get between them and their base, intending, with the Doctor, to charge upon and capture them. The moon was shining and he stole closer than was prudent, when they discovered and fired upon him. One ball struck upon the brass buckle of his saber belt, but, it was stout enough to save his life. However, the blow brought him from his horse, and he felt he was mortally wounded.

Said the Doctor. "Dick are you hurt?"

"Yes," groaned Dick; "killed deader than a corpse. Shot right through the bowels; quick, Bob, pass me the bottle quick!"

## THE ESCAPE OF DICK McCANN AT McMINNVILLE (VOL. VIII PAGE 102)

B. L. Ridley stated, "I cannot forget McMinntown," On the 19th or 20th of April, 1863, Gen. Morgan had his headquarters there, while his command was guarding the right wing of the Army of Tennessee at Liberty. The enemy advanced upon the place with a strong force of infantry, cavalry, and artillery. The only cavalry force there was Morgan's escort, about fifty strong, and about ninety infantry under Major Wyckliffe, Ninth Kentucky. After skirmishing, the enemy dashed into the town eight abreast, driving out Gen. Morgan and several officers who had been there on sick leave.

Among them were Col. Clike, Lieut. Col. Martin, and Major Dick McCann. Gen. Duke says: "McCann's horse was shot in the melee, and fell bringing him to the ground. He sprang to his feet; and standing in front of the charging column, shouted, "You have got the old chief at last!" seeking to produce in the impression that he was Gen. Morgan, and so favor the latter's escape." He was ridden over, severely sabered, and captured; but having been placed in the old stable and allowed a canteen of apple brandy, he got the guard drunk and dug out under the logs during the night; effecting his escape. All the officers escaped uninjured. The infantry retreated in perfect order to the mountain; two or three miles away.

## THE SENTINEL

FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1863

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T.C. FITZGIBBON, EDITOR

SERG'T. H. G. DEMING. PUBLISHER

14TH MICHIGAN INFANTRY

### CAPTURE OF DICK McCANN

The Celebrated Guerrilla Chief, fifteen of his men.

Their appearance & condition. His opinion of the war & matters generally. On Tuesday night last, pursuant to orders from Co. Mizner, a company of mounted Inf. of the 14th Mich. under the command of Capt. James E. Mackay, met an equal force of cavalry belonging to the 1st Missouri Regiment, under

command of Capt. Clifford, at Hillsboro, and proceeded together to Weam's Sulphur Springs, thirty-four miles from this Post. Information communicated to Col. Mizner, and by him sent to Headquarters at Nashville, left little doubt as to the certainty of Major McCann's whereabouts. Capt. Mackay's mounted infantry were in the advance, and at early morn of Wednesday, trailed the guerrillas. Arriving at Weam's residence, a plan of attack was arranged, when it was determined that a dash should be made upon the premises and "Spring House," a ballroom close by. McCann's men were laying siege to a hearty breakfast, their horses were in the stables, and they themselves unconscious of the presence of an enemy when the mounted Infantry and Cavalry approached. The advance guard dashed fiercely up the hill, shouting frantically, and received the first fire from four of Dick's men, who were on the look-out in the road in front of the house. The Federals returned the fire, wounding the whole four, and giving chase to the remainder, who in their efforts to reach the stable, were now cutoff by Capt. Clifford's force, which had then come up. McCann himself, seeing his moments of preparation for a fight had passed, resolved to escape, and ordered his men to "scatter through the woods." When a soldier of Mackay's command, Sam Dunning, ordered him to halt and surrender, which he did very reluctantly, remarking to Martin W. Culp, the cavalryman to whom Dunning had given him in charge, "I could have shot you if I thought fit but I would be committing murder."

Fifteen of his men, among whom is a brother of his, were captured also, the remainder escaping through the dense forest. On approaching Capt. Mackay, McCann endeavored to conceal his rank -a star on his left breast- and on being asked who he was, gave his name as Johnson, The Captain saw immediately that in his prisoner he recognized the oft-described features of Dick McCann, and said "you can come no games on me; you are Dick McCann."

He replied; "Yes, sir, I am Major J. R. McCann, and I am your prisoner."

He and his men were lodged in jail in this town on Wednesday night, and were sent under guard to Nashville, Thursday afternoon. He spoke highly of the conduct of his captors, their courtesy and kind treatment of himself and men, remarking that if all our forces had behaved with equal gallantry and humanity the cause of the Union would have more friends in the South. We have seen and conversed  
5 with Major McCann for hours, and in spite of prejudices previously formed against him, we were very favorably

a kind a cannibal and associated him with every crime in the calendar. His name has been an epitome of the seven deadly sins, and if a dastardly act “were committed by a hottentot between Knoxville and Nashville Dick McCann did it.”

We assure our readers that he is not the fiend he has been written & painted. He is about five feet eight inches high; 140 lbs weight, fair complexion. bright blue eyes; brilliant; polished and humorous in conversation. He was born of Irish parents at Petersburg; Va.; and came to Tennessee with his family when a mere child. He is married, having four children now in Nashville, his wife being in East Tennessee. He is not now nor never was, for a disruption of the American Republic. He never had had but two disunionists in his command. He was elector on the Douglas ticket in 1860, canvassed this State in behalf of his candidate, and fought secession to the last. When his state went out of the Union; he went with it; and as she goes now; so does he. He despises Copperheads, Abolitionists and Southern disunionists alike; for it were they who inaugurated and now prolong this war.

He says that there is a powerful conservative party in the Southern army that if the President were to take Seward’s advice of extending a general amnesty to those in rebellion, with all constitutional guarantees that our fathers enjoyed, peace would reign throughout the land before Christmas. But these things will not come to pass; the war will be prolonged during Mr. Lincoln’s administration, more blood will be shed, and the life of the nation will continue to be sacrificed.

Tennesseans hate Bragg, he says, and look upon the Rev. Gen. Polk as an immense humbug. The State is subjugated just now, but notwithstanding the reports of Bragg’s weakness, he says he was never stronger in numbers. The people feel that Rosecrans is too much for the “old dog,” and would readily and willingly come back into the Union as it was- as tactics will dictate, never! “There is Poland and Ireland,” said he, “conquered and cursed for ages by foreign tyrants. Their limbs may be shackled, their cries for justices spurned, but their spirit will live and revolt whenever opportunity offers. If you want the union restored, give us honorable and equal terms with yourselves. Don’t rob us of our property in the name of justice and humanity.”

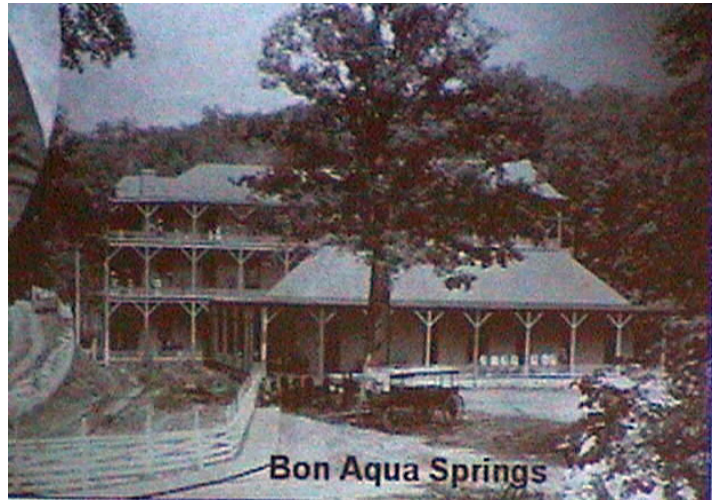
The following are the names of those of his men captured. They are a fine, manly and intelligent set of fellows:

Maj. J. R. McCann; privates, Oscar Farrell, Newton Ledbetter, Nicholas Hughes, Owen D. Jackson, Joseph Erwin, James R. Erwin, John Mize, Benton W. Davis, Joseph W. Allen, William W. Pritchard, John H. Carson, Benjamin W. McCann and Willoby Howard, all of the 15th Tenn. Cav., and Frank E. Lesure, a citizen.

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**Major Philip Van Horn Weems**

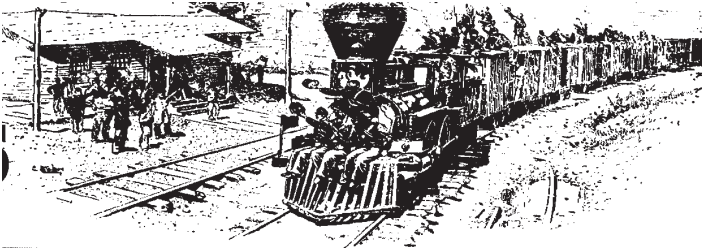
Owner of the Bon Aqua Springs Resort prior to the war, Weems was elected Captain of Company H 11th TN Infantry on June 6, 1861. Seriously wounded during the Battle of Missionary Ridge, he was promoted to Major May 7, 1864. A popular officer with the soldiers, he was mortally wounded in the Battle of Atlanta July 22, 1864 and died two days later. Originally buried in the Confederate Cemetery at Griffin, Georgia, his remains were reinterred into the Weems family cemetery at Bon Aqua, Hickman County, TN.



[ Photo courtesy David and Frances Hall]



Major Philip Van Horn Weems



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE 11, 12, 13, 14, 2004 - PARKER'S CROSSROADS,

The Battle of Parker's Crossroads Living History and Battle Reenactment of the original battlefield. Located mid-way between Memphis and Nashville on I-40 and Hwy 22, Exit 108. Site of the battle fought December 31, 1862 between Gen. N.B. Forrest and Union forces during Forrest's First West Tennessee Campaign.

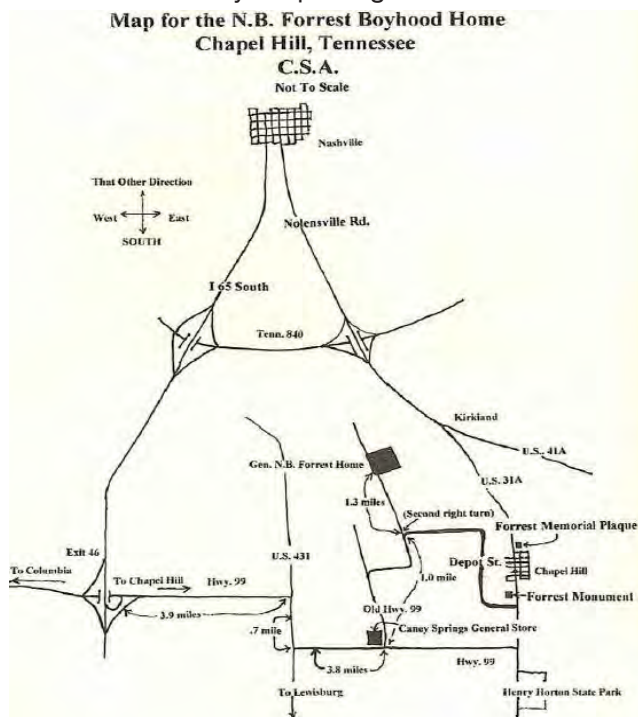
web site: [www.parkerscrossroads.com](http://www.parkerscrossroads.com)

### JUNE 19, 2004 - FORREST HOMECOMING,

The SCV's Second Annual Forrest Homecoming is being held on Saturday, June 19th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on the grounds of the Forrest Home. This event is open to the public and will include such activities as Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery Reenactors, musical entertainment, storytelling, crafts, and auction, historical lectures and tours. A BBQ supper will be served at 5:00 pm. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 1-800-MY-DIXIE. Please consider attending this fundraising event.

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE FORREST HOME:

From I-65, take exit 46 onto Highway 99 East. Follow 99 East to the Caney Springs General Store then turn left on Old Hwy. 99. Follow for 1.5 miles to 2nd right-hand turn and go straight onto Pyle's Rd. Go 1 mile to gravel drive on right at the Forrest Cavalry Corps Flag and "Forrest Home" sign.



### JUNE 18, 19, 20, 2004 - GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY

"Morgan's Raid on Georgetown" Since the first Morgan's Raid Reenactment took place in 1987, this event has enjoyed continued growth. You and your family will take a step back in time when you visit our sutler area featuring authentic clothing and arts and crafts of the 1860's. A large contingent of civilian reenactors is always on hand to re-create the look and feel of America during the turbulent times of the Civil War. Scheduled Events include Saturday and Sunday battles, historical speakers, period music and performers, Saturday's social, military drills and demonstrations, night cannon firing, sutlers row, general store, scenarios, lantern tour, soldiers' camp, period church service, barn dance, and Morgan's Grand Ball.

web site: [www.morgansraid.com](http://www.morgansraid.com)

### AUGUST 28, 200 - CHARLOTTE, TENNESSEE

Encampment and Living History. More info to come.

### SEPTEMBER 4, 2004 - OLD SPENCER MILL, TN

Old Spencer Mill Fall Fest 2004. More info to come.

### SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 2004 - FARMINGTON, TENNESSEE

141st anniversary, 3rd annual "Battle of Farmington" Living History and Reenactment. Held on over one-hundred acres of the original battlefield. Presented by the Farmington Battlefield Confederate Cemetery Association and hosted by the Farmington Battlefield SCV Camp #1902. Battles will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, ladies tea will be held Saturday at 10:00 am, Saturday evening dance with music provided by the 52nd Regimental String Band. Sunday morning period church service will be held at 10:00 am.

### OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 2004 - SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE

140th anniversary "Battle of Franklin." Relive the last campaign in the West. National reenactment on the original battlefield. Fight and camp on a beautiful Civil War plantation battlefield (General Hood's headquarters). Battles on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Expected to be high water mark of 2004, and the largest reenactment of the decade in the West with over 10,000 soldiers. Sponsored by the "Civil War Courier" in partnership with Save the Franklin Battlefield and North/South Alliance.

web site: [www.battleoffranklin.com](http://www.battleoffranklin.com)

### OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 2004 - COLUMBUS, KENTUCKY

Civil War Days at Columbus held at Columbus-Belmont State Park. There will be narrated battle reenactments, living history, and encampments. Opening ceremony on Friday afternoon. A Civil War ball will be held Saturday night. Special entertainment by 52nd Regimental String Band and Rick Revel.

### NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14 2004 - FT. DONELSON, TN

Living History at the park.

SOURCE: <http://www.scv.org/education/genworks/chokeee.htm>

## **A Guide to Cherokee Confederate Military Units, 1861 - 1865**

by Lars Gjertveit

By the spring of 1861, Stand Watie (1806-1871), the leader of the southern faction of the Cherokee Nation, was a prosperous attorney and speaker of the nation's National Council (the lower house of the Cherokee legislature). He owned a plantation and mill at Honey Creek in the Illinois District of the Cherokee Nation. 1st (Watie's) Cherokee Mounted Volunteers (2nd Cherokee Mounted Volunteers [designation changed to 1st Regiment about Dec 62, after Drew's regiment had disbanded], Watie's Regiment Cherokee Mounted Rifles) COLONELS. Stand Watie, promoted Brig Gen 6 May 64; James Madison Bell, promoted and transferred from Lt Col of the 2nd Regt after Watie became general

LIEUTENANT COLONELS. Thomas Fox Taylor, KIA 27 Jul 62, Bayou Menard (n. Fort Gibson); Robert Calvin Parks, replaced Taylor (from Capt, 1st Co B) killed by a fellow officer in a personal difficulty at Fort Washita in April 1864; Clement Neeley Vann, succeeded Parks (prev pvt Co K, Drew's Regt?)

MAJORS. Elias Cornelius Boudinot, after reorganization elected Cherokee delegate to Congress, Col and Vol ADC on Maj Gen T C Hindman's staff in Dec 62; Joseph Franklin Thompson, (from Capt, 1st Co I); Erasmus J Howland, succeeded Thompson in 1864 (from Capt, 2nd Co D).

### **REGIMENTAL STAFF**

Adjutant: 1st Lt Charles E Watie, to 1st Lt, 2nd Co B after reorganization; 1st Lt Thomas F Anderson (from pvt, 1st Co H) to Brigade AAG 1864 Assistant Quarter Master: 1st Lt George W Adair, died April 62; 1st Lt William Penn Adair, to Col of 2nd Regt 3 Feb 63; 1st Lt Johnson Thompson Asst. Commissary of Subsistence: 1st Lt Joseph M Starr, Sr, until 62; 1st Lts Oliver W Lipe (from pvt, 2nd Co G) resigned 3 Jun 63; Peter G Lynch (from pvt, 2nd Co B), Samuel M Ware (from pvt, 2nd Co A) Surgeon: Maj Walter Thompson Adair, to Brigade Surgeon 1864 Assistant Surgeon: Capt William D Polson, resigned 1 Jul 62; Capt Francis H Fisk (from drill instr, 1st Co I) Surgeon Interpreter: Capt Richard Fields (prev Capt, Co F, Drew's Regt) Chaplain: Rev J N Slover Sergeant Major: George W West, KIA 20 May 63; R M Morgan (from sgt, 1st Co C), H Lincoln Foreman (from pvt, 2nd Co D), Patrick Patton (from 1st Sgt, 2nd Co A) Quartermaster Sergeant: Benjamin W Carter (from pvt, 2nd Co G), John G Schrimsher (from pvt, 2nd Co G) Ordnance Sergeant: George W Harlin Hospital Steward: Jasper Polson, Ben Trott Companies and their commanders - first organization Company A. Buzzard, KIA 20 May 63 n. Fort Gibson. Company B. Robert Calvin Parks, to Lt Col after reorganization. Company C. Daniel H Coody Company D. James Madison Bell, to Lt Col of the 2nd Regiment 3 Feb 63. Company E. Joseph Franklin Thompson (prev in the Arkansas State service) to Major after reorganization. Company F. Joseph F Smallwood Company G. George H Starr Company H. John Thompson Mayes Company I. George W Johnson Company K. James H Thompson. This company became Co H, Clarkson's Battalion, Independent Rangers 14 July 62. This Bn was broken up in Nov 62, 5 cos merged into Clark's Missouri Infantry Regiment. Company L (aka J). Bluford West Alberty.

In addition, Thomas J Parks was designated to lead Company M,

but this does not appear to have materialized.

ORGANIZATION. On July 12, 1861, Stand Watie received a commission from Brig Gen Benjamin McCulloch to raise a regiment. At a mass meeting of the southern sympathizers among the Five Civilized tribes held at Old Fort Wayne, Delaware District, in the Cherokee Nation, on July 27, 1861, organization of the First Cherokee Regiment began. After the twelve-month enlistment time expired, the regiment was reorganized around 12 July 1862 at Spavinaw Creek, Tahlequah District, for 2 years, with mostly new officers and many new men. Note that the companies were not reorganized separately, rather a set of new companies were formed and new officers elected, although the majority of the men continued in service from the first organization. Companies and their commanders - SECOND organization Company A. Hugh Tinnin Company B. Benjamin B Wisner (prev sgt, 1st Co D) Company C. Charles Lowery (prev sgt, 1st Co E) Company D. Erasmus J Howland (prev pvt, 1st Co G), to Major 1864; J S Knight (from 1st Lt) Company E. Alexander Foreman (prev pvt, 1st Co C), removed 25 June 63; John W Brown (from 1st Lt) Company F. Dumplin O Fields (prev pvt, 1st Co D) Company G. James L Butler Company H. John Spears, to Frye's Scales' Battalion, John Foster (from 1st Lt) Company I. Moses C Frye (prev Sgt, 1st Co I) to Major of Frye's Bn about June 63; William W Alexander (from 1st Lt) Company K. James Stuart (prev 1st Sgt, 1st Co H) Acridge's Company. William H Acridge Became Co G, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Alberty's Company. Bluford West Alberty. Became Co B, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Brewer's Company. O H Perry Brewer (prev 1st Lt, 1st Co C) Became Co F, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Patton's Company. D C Patton Became Co E, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63 Vann's Company. John Vann (prev pvt, 1st Co C) Became Co I, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63.

ORGANIZATION. Company A was mustered in 12 May 62 in Maysville, Ark. Companies B to K, plus Acridge's, Alberty's, Brewer's, and Patton's are all on record as having enlisted 12 July 1862 at Spavinaw Creek, Tahlequah District, Cherokee Nation. On September 1, 1862, another company - John Vann's - was added, made up mostly of loyal men from Drew's late regiment. The five unnumbered companies were on February 3, 1863, merged with Bryan's 1st Battalion, Cherokee Partisan Rangers to form the 2nd (Adair's) Cherokee Mounted Volunteers. Drew's Regiment, Cherokee Mounted Rifles (1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles) COLONEL. John Drew.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL. Willam Potter Ross, later sutler for 3rd Indian Home Guards. MAJOR. Thomas Pegg, later Capt, Co A, 2d Indian Home Guards. REGIMENTAL STAFF

Adjutant: 1st Lt James S Vann, resigned 12 Dec 61 Assistant Quarter Master: Capt Israel G Vore, later AQM on Brig Gen D H Cooper's staff Ass Commissary of Subsistence: 1st Lt Frederick Augustus Kerr, dropped 2 Aug 62

Surgeon: Maj James P Evans, POW 7 Mar 62, Pea Ridge Assistant Surgeon: Capt Joseph V Carden, resigned 7 Apr 62 Chaplain: Rev Lewis Downing, later Lt Col, 3rd Indian Home Guards Companies and their commanders

Company A. (Saline District) Jefferson D Hicks, KIA 27 Jul 62, Bayou Menard, n. Fort Gibson ?

Company B. (Tahlequah District) Nicholas B Sanders

Company C. (Canadian District) John Porum Davis, to 2nd Lt, Vann's Co, 1st Regt 1 Sep 62 (became Co I, 2nd Regt)

Company D. (Delaware District) Isaac N Hildebrand Company E. (Flint District) James Vann, later Capt, Co A, 3rd Indian Home Guards. Company F. (Illinois District) Richard Fields, POW 7 Mar 62, later served on the staff of the 1st Regt. Company G. (Going-Snake District) George W Scrapper, later Capt, Co H, 2d Indian Home Guards. Company H. (Tahlequah District) Edward R Hicks Company I. (Tahlequah District) Albert Pike Company K. (Sequoyah District) Pickens M Benge, MW 24 Aug 62. Reserve Company. (Cooweescoowee District) James McDaniel, later Capt, Co A, 2d Indian Home Guards. ORGANIZATION. At a mass meeting at Tahlequah 21 August 1861, the Cherokees decided to seek alliance with the Confederate States, and also to raise a mounted regiment. Each of the nine districts of the Cherokee Nation raised one company, except Tahlequah, which furnished three. By October 7, the day the treaty between the Cherokee Nation and the Confederacy was signed, the regiment was almost completed. At Fort Gibson, on November 5, 1861 the regiment was officially mustered in for a period of twelve months, with 1214 men on the rolls. Drew's regiment, composed mostly of full-blood Cherokees (?«Pins?») hostile to Stand Watie and his followers, never identified with the Southern cause. During the pursuit of the Creek dissident Opothleyahola in December 1861, officers and men refused to fight, deserted in large numbers, and many even joined the enemy. A reorganization of the regiment was attempted, and about 500 of its men fought at Pea Ridge the first day (March 7, 1862), where they scalped some Federal soldiers. A Union invasion of the Cherokee Nation in July 1862 resulted in the mass surrender of most of Drew's men, and their subsequent enlistment in the Federal 2nd and 3rd Indian Home Guard Regiments. A few officers and men (notably Colonel Drew, Captains John Porum Davis, Pickens M Benge, Richard Fields, and Lieutenant Charles Drew) remained loyal to the Confederacy and later served under Stand Watie. Captain John Vann's company of Watie's 1st Regiment, later Co I of the 2nd Regiment (formed 1 Sep 62), was composed mostly of loyal Confederates from the ranks of Drew's late regiment. 1st (Bryan's) Battalion, Cherokee Partisan Rangers (Bryan's Battalion, Cherokee Mounted Rifles) MAJOR. Joel M Bryan, to commander of Cherokee Bn Special Service 1865.

#### BATTALION STAFF

Adjutant: Lt. Joel B Mayes, to AQM of 2nd Regt  
 Assistant Surgeon: Capt Harrison J Payden, to Ass Surg of 2nd Regt Companies and their commanders Company A. Joel M Bryan, to Major 13 Sep 62, William H Shannon (from 1st Lt) Became Co H, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Company B. Joseph L Martin Became Co D, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Company C. John R Harden Became Co C, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Company D. Alexander Wofford (prev 2nd Lt, 1st Co G, 1st Regt), resigned 16 Oct 62); E M Adair (from 1st Lt) Became Co K, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63. Company E. John Miller Became Co A, 2nd Regt on 3 Feb 63.

ORGANIZATION. Joel M Bryan was authorized by Brig Gen Albert Pike to raise 100 men or more as partisan rangers during the summer of 1862. The company (A) was mustered in at Fort Davis, Canadian District, Cherokee Nation, July 20, 1862. Bryan proceeded to recruit another four companies, and was ordered by Maj Gen Thomas C Hindman to organize the force into a

battalion, which was done September 13, 1862. Records indicate that the enlistment term was three years. By order of Brig Gen Douglas H Cooper, the battalion was on February 3, 1863, consolidated with 5 companies attached to Watie's 1st Cherokee Mounted Volunteers to form the 2nd (Adair's) Cherokee Mounted Volunteers 1st (Holt's) Squadron, Cherokee Mounted Volunteers CAPTAIN. Charles H Holt, to Captain of Co L, 2nd Regt after 30 Jun 63 ?. STAFF. Adjutant Charles C Reed. ORGANIZATION. This company was mustered in at Webber's Falls, Canadian District, Cherokee Nation, 12 December 62, for two years. The last record of the company is dated June 30, 1863, it may have been assigned to the 2nd Regiment as Company L after that date. 2nd (Adair's) Cherokee Mounted Volunteers (Adair's Regiment, Cherokee Mounted Rifles) COLONEL. William Penn Adair (prev AQM, 1st Regt). LIEUTENANT COLONELS. James Madison Bell (from Capt, 1st Co D, 1st Regt) promoted and transferred to the 1st Regt in June 1864; O H Perry Bewer, succeeded Bell (from Capt, Co F). MAJORS. T Porter Hammock, appointed 26 Apr 63 ( from 2d Lt, Co A); John R Harden, by May 64 ( from Capt, Co C ); John F Vann, by Sept 64 ( from Capt, Co I). REGIMENTAL STAFF Adjutant: 1st Lts Joseph A Scales (from 1st Sgt, 2nd Co F, 1st Regt) to Capt, Co A, Frye's Bn June 63; Andrew J Greenway (from 2nd Lt, Co B); S T Fair (from pvt, Co C) Assistant Quarter Master: Capt Joel B Mayes (from Adj, 1st P R Bn) to Brigade AQM 1864; J W Phagan, to Capt, Co G, 12 Jul 64. Ass Commissary of Subsistence: 1st Lt Richard F Martin Surgeon: Maj Thomas M Colley, resigned 16 Apr 63; William J Dupree appointed 24 Jul 63. Assistant Surgeon: Capts Robert White, resigned 16 Apr 63; Harrison J Payden (prev Ass Surg of 1st P R Bn), W C Dunn Chaplain: Rev Elder L Compere Drill Master: 2nd Lt Michael L Coudon (from pvt, Co G) to 2nd Lt, Co E, June 63. Sergeant Major: J W Burk (from pvt, Co D), Riley Walter Lindsay (from Co H) Quartermaster Sergeant: A W Timberlake Ordnance Sergeant: J Foster Bell Hospital Steward: J Frank Marrs (from pvt, Co H) Companies and their commanders Company A. John Miller, to Cherokee Battalion, Special Service 1865; T D Flinn ? (from 1st Lt) Company B. Bluford West Alberty Company C. John R Harden, to Major by May 64; W H Hendren (from 1st Lt) Company D. Joseph L Martin Company E. D C Patton Company F. O H Perry Brewer, to Lt Col July 64; Thomas F Brewer ? (from 1st Lt) Company G. William H Acridge, J W Phagan (12 Jul 64, from AQM) Company H. William H Shannon Company I. John F Vann, to Major by Sept 64; Cary Walker ? (from 1st Lt) Company K. E M Adair Company L (?). Charles H Holt ORGANIZATION. Formed 3 February 1863 at Prairie Springs, Creek Nation (winter camp of Indian Cavalry Brigade, 15 miles southeast of Fort Gibson), by the consolidation of Bryan's 1st Battalion, Cherokee Partisan Rangers, and five companies attached to Watie's 1st Cherokee Mounted Volunteers. Frye's - Scales's Battalion, Cherokee Mounted Volunteers (1st Battalion, Cherokee Mounted Rifles) MAJORS. Moses C Frye (prev Capt, 1st Co I, 1st Regiment); Joseph Absalom Scales, promoted Major 23 Apr 64 (from Capt, Co A), to Brigade AIG after Bn was disbanded. Companies and their commanders Company A. Joseph Absalom Scales (prev Adj, 2nd Regt), to Major 23 Apr 64. Company ?. Morgan (prev 1st Lt, Holt's Squadron ?), MW 18 Dec 63, Barren Fork, I. T. Company ?. John Spears (prev Capt, 2nd Co H, 1st Regt) ORGANIZATION.

On April 1, 1863, Col Watie was authorized to raise a Cherokee brigade. After the 2nd Regiment had been formed, steps were taken to enlist another unit. The first company (A) was probably organized on 3 June 63, but details about the other companies are missing. Consisted of 4 companies by December 1863. The battalion was apparently broken up and consolidated with the 1st and 2nd Regiments about 12 July 64. A general reorganization of the Cherokee forces took place on Limestone Prairie, Choctaw Nation, after Watie had been promoted Brigadier General and the Cherokees on June 27, 1864, had declared their unanimous reenlistment for the war. On July 11, the Cherokee National Council passed a conscription act, which required that all able bodied free citizens between 17-45 report for duty before August 1. Cherokee Battalion (or Regiment), Special Service (Bryan's Battalion) LIEUTENANT COLONEL. Joel M Bryan (prev Major, 1st Partisan Ranger Bn) Companies and their commanders Company ?. John Miller (prev Capt, Co A, 2nd Regt) Company ?. Owens. ORGANIZATION. Not much is known about this organization, which is mentioned in Brig Gen Douglas H Cooper's correspondence in March and May of 1865 and in a Federal report dated 23 Apr 65, then supposed to be at Fort Towson (in the southern Choctaw Nation), 300 strong. Joel M Bryan, who previously led the 1st Partisan Ranger Bn, was the commander. Captain John Miller led a company, and a Captain Owens another. NOTES 1st (Meyer's) Battalion, Cherokee Cavalry is a "paper" organization that never existed. Major Benjamin W Meyer may have received authorization to raise a battalion early in the war, but he never did. Brigade Staff Upon Watie's promotion to Brigadier General in the summer of 1864, he was entitled to appoint staff officers to the following positions: Aides-de-Camp: Capt Lucien B Bell, 1st Lt Saladin Ridge Watie (from pvt, 2nd Co G, 1st Regt) Assistant Quartermaster: Major Joel B Mayes (from AQM, 2nd Regt) Assistant Adjutant General: Capt Thomas F Anderson (from Adj, 1st Regt) Assistant Inspector General: Major Joseph A Scales (from cdr of Frye's-Bn) Surgeon: Major Walter Thompson Adair (from Surg, 1st Regt) Assistant Surgeon: ? Ass Commissary of Subsistence: ? Ordnance Officer: ? Cherokee Battalion, Thomas's North Carolina Legion (2nd Battalion, Thomas's Legion; Indian Battalion) COLONEL. William Holland Thomas, Col of Thomas's NC Infantry Regt 27 Sep 1862, which was a month later increased to a Legion. Relinquished field command of the Legion about 1 Sep 63 (officially in command until March 1865), except the Cherokee Battalion, which he personally commanded until war's end. Companies and their commanders Company A. William Holland Thomas, 9 April 62, to Major of Thomas's Inf Bn Jul 62; James W Terrell, 19 Jul 62 (from 1st Lt), to AQM of Thomas's Inf Regt (later Legion) 27 Sep 62; Matthew H Love, 27 Sep 62 (from the 16th NC Inf Regt). Company B. Gideon M Hanks, 18 May 62, KIA late 1863; James Taylor (from 1st Lt) Company C. Campbell H Taylor (from Captain, Co B), James Welch Company D. Black Fox ORGANIZATION. The nucleus of the battalion was the "Junaluska Zuaves", a North Carolina militia company of Cherokees organized in Quallatown in May 1861 by William H Thomas. Company A was mustered into CS service April 9, 1862, at Quallatown. Company B was organized in Knoxville, Tn, on May 18, 1862, by a division of the overstrength Co A. In July 1862, these two companies formed part of Thomas's Infantry Battalion. The

battalion was increased and reorganized as Thomas's NC Infantry Regiment on September 27, 1862, in Knoxville. The Cherokee companies then became Cos C and D, respectively. In October, another battalion (Walker's) was added to Thomas's command, which thereafter became known as Thomas's Legion of Indians and Highlanders. In January 1863, the two Cherokee companies reverted back to their previous designations as Co A and B of the Infantry Regiment (Love's), Thomas's Legion. The Cherokee companies were detached from the regiment in September 1863, and from then on served as a separate battalion under Thomas's direct command (who at that point relinquished field command of the Legion). Company C was added in Quallatown in December 1863, and Company D organized in the summer of 1864. Not until April 9, 1865, however, was the Cherokee Battalion officially mustered as a separate unit of Thomas's Legion. At that time the battalion reportedly totalled about 300 men.

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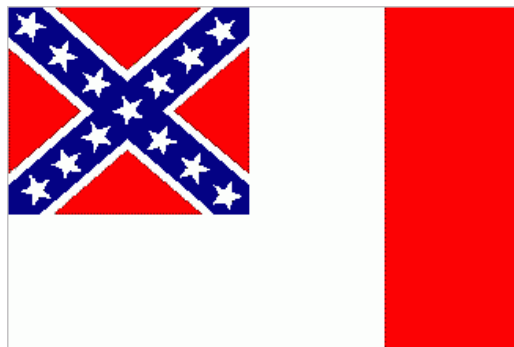
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## MINUTES FROM APRIL'S MEETING

The W.H. McCauley Camp met April 1st at 7 p.m. at the Dickson County Public Library.

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Bell. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Joe Bailey. The Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Compatriot Tom Harmon. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as read. Fifteen members were present with eight visitors.

On a motion made by Lt. Commander Steve Tucker and seconded by Compatriot Tommy England, the camp voted to pay \$25.00 expense money to Commander Bryan Sharp and Adjutant Joe Bailey for the Tennessee Division Convention. Commander Sharp talked to the camp about proposed ammendments and resolutions for the Division Convention. The camp voted unanimously to oppose the Ammendment for Pro-Ration of division dues. Commander Sharp told the camp about changes to the Southern Heritage Festival at Spencer Mill and plans were finalized for Old Timers Day. The evenings speaker was Compatriot Terry Coates who talked about the CSS Hunley. His presentation was cut short due to the closing of the library. The benediction was given by Compatriot John Choate and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

## MINUTES FROM MAY'S MEETING

The W.H. McCauley Camp met May 6th at 7 P.m. at the Dickson County Public Library.

The opening prayer was given by Compatriot Joe Webster. The Pledge of Allegiance was given led by Compatriot Hassel. The Salute to the Confederate Flag was given by Compatriot Andy Mathis. Commander Sharp told the camp about the events at Old Timers Day. Commander Sharp also announced the upcoming tour at Bryce's Crossroads and the Forrest Homecoming Celebration. Adjutant Joe Bailey briefed the camp on the Tennessee Division Convention in Cookville. Commander Sharp announced the Confederate Memorial Service and monument dedication to be held at Shiloh on June 3rd. Commander Sharp told the camp that he would like to schedule a cleanup at Porter Cemetery and announced the idea for a Dickson County Civil War Driving Tour. A committee was established to handle this project. Adjutant Joe Bailey was appointed chairman with Lt. Commander Steve Tucker and Compatriot Andy Mathis serving as members. Compatriot Rick Hollis told the camp about plans to bury a time capsule in Charlotte and invited everyone to attend. On a motion made by Compatriot Steve Tucker at motion was made to move the meeting time to 6:30 p.m. on nights the camp had a speaker. Commander Sharp presented a certificate to new member Mark Adams. The benediction was given by Chaplain Paul Reynolds and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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