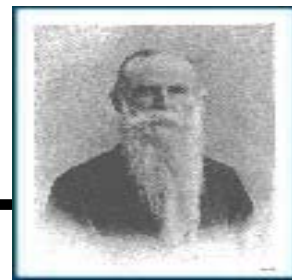


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Our newsletter can now be found on the Camp website @ www.1854.ksscv.org

COMMANDERS CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots;

A question was brought to me recently on whether a soldier, who was a Confederate Soldier, then joined the Union, was worthy of being on our website for *Project Locate* records. My answer was this:

I believe that the reason for locating these souls is to recognize each and every veteran, whether they are Confederate, Union, from the Vietnam War, or whatever. It is true that we are Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our mission is to honorably uphold the truths and preserve those aspects of our Confederate Ancestors at all cause however each soul of that War fought for what they believed in and fought honorably.

As we know many Confederates were captured and forced to fight for the Union. Not knowing the circumstance behind their change of sides, we can not deny them the recognition they deserve as a Confederate Sol-

diers. Were they traitors? It's possible! Was there a reason for their treason? We don't know.

I personally feel it is our duty to find any Veteran of any war and report these findings as being a man or woman that gave their all for this country, or in that period of time, their country. Brothers fought against brothers. It is hard to determine what we ourselves would have done under those circumstances.

I doubt very highly that our web site will be dishonorable to the cause if we report Union Soldiers that our Members found. Yes they were the enemy but they were still a human life that was an ancestor to us in some way or form.



Grave of PVT John F. Key at Arlington

I love my children dearly. They could possibly upset or disappoint me if they were to reveal they went against my beliefs in some way, such as marriage or choice of life style, but they are still my flesh and I will always love them.

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CAMP MEETINGS

The last several months our Camp has had the privilege to host some excellent programs with outstanding presentations. To those Members who have been unable to attend we hope to peak your interest. Thanks to Compatriot Dr. John McCoin, who has been instrumental in

lining up our guest speakers, we are set through the month of August 2007. Some of the speakers have been:

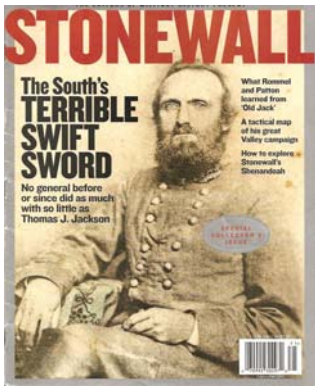
LTC Thomas Zackary, US Marines (Retired), who gave an excellent presentation on the *Battle of Wilson Creek*. LTC

Zackary not only gave us an outline to follow, but is so knowledgeable in military tactical movements, that he was able to convey to us in vivid details that allowed us to easily envision what our ancestors were doing on that battle field.

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Confederate Losses

1. What Alabama General was shot after surrendering to Union troops.
2. What General died singing "Rock of Ages" after being wounded in a skirmish North of Richmond?
3. Who was the only fatality in the Union Navy's bombardment of Fort McAllister?
4. What non-combat death did Gen. Lucius Walker meet with?



1. Gen. John Hunt Morgan
2. Gen. JEB Stuart
3. Tom Car, the garrison's mascot
4. He was killed in a duel with Gen. John S. Madsen

Confederate Losses Answers

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In March 2007 LTC Ed Kennedy, US Army (Retired), who is also the Camp Commander of Steele Camp in Leavenworth Kansas, gave an excellent power point presentation of Blacks in the Confederacy. LTC Kennedy dispelled many of the myths that surround the fact that the Confederate Army did in fact have blacks who willing fought for their Southern homeland. I had to leave for a another meeting and could not bring myself to miss any of the presentation. LTC Kennedy finally told me to leave!

We also had the privilege of hosting Mrs. Lisa Winters and hearing a presentation of Photography in the 1800's. Mrs. Winters knowledge of the history of photography literally had us out of our seats reviewing

the various authentic "old" photographs and antique camera equipment.

These are only a few of the excellent programs that Dr. McCain has coordinated for the interest and benefits of our Camp Members.

On 16 June 2007 several of our Camp Members met in Emporia for the Kansas Division Annual Convention. (See picture on the next page) Not only was business conducted, including the election of Division Officers, but we were privileged to hear an excellent presentation from Compatriot Scott Price of the Gen. Lewis A. Armistead Camp. His presentation was titled Bit-ter Heritage and covered the history in Kansas (Border War)

leading up to the War Between the States.

Our Camp meetings are designed to present historical educational presentations that will be of great interest to our members. Unfortunately we have not had the attendance of many of our Camp Compatriots to see the excellent presentations.

On 21 July 2007 we will again hold our Camp Picnic. We would enjoy having the presence of all Members for a great social outing.

Paul Honaker

MEMBERS UPDATE

In our 1st Quarter 2007 newsletter Member Marshall Clark was featured due to his new found family. Below is the 2nd part of the 2 part story:

"An Unexpected Benefit from my Membership in the SCV"
(When we left Marshal last newsletter he was describing a "fourth sibling")

"His daughter, my niece, put herself through school including a Master's via the Marine Corps Reserves. She was a staff sergeant and the first and only woman stationed with the 8th Tank Battalion, a Marine Corps Reserve unit stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

This brother never had a birth certificate and in the course of getting him one, my niece

found the family. She also put up a nice marker for our Mother's grave. This brother was adopted by a well-to-do family on New York. His adoptive mother was a known cartoonist in the 1950's. She was a character. She ordered food from restaurants, had her maid put it in her own pans so her guests thought she had

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

As I watch President Bush lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery this past Memorial Day, I started thinking about how Arlington, the home of Gen. Robert E. & Mary A. Lee, came to be the National Cemetery for the United States.

George Washington Parke Custis, builder of Arlington House, was the grandson of Martha

Washington, wife of George Washington. In 1802, the year Mrs. Washington died, George Washington Parke Custis began building Arlington house. He named the estate Arlington in honor of the ancestral homestead of the Custis family on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Two year later he married Mary Lee Fitzhugh. On 30 June 1831, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs.

Custis, Mary Ann Randolph Custis, became the wife of Lt.

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COMMANDERS CORNER

The same goes with our ancestors. We do not need to accept the choices they made in life but must accept the fact they too had strong convictions and beliefs for what they stood for.

Not knowing their purpose or reason we can not banish them from the fact that they gave the ultimate for their family and land.

Project Locate is to **“Locate”, NOT TO JUDGE!**

(These statements above are my personal opinion and not necessarily those of any member in the SCV)

Deo Vindice!
Denver L. Frickson
Camp Commander

(Pictured below left to right—Chris Sullivan, CIC of the SCV, Denver Erickson, Dr. John McCain, Robert Super, Jack Sanders, and Paul Honaker)



Written on the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, by a minister who fought in the War, describing the motivation of the average Confederate:

“Not for fame or reward, Not for place or for rank, Not lured by ambition, Or goaded by necessity, But in simple, Obedience to duty, As they understood it, These men suffered all, Sacrificed all, Dared all—and died”

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Robert E. Lee.

Mrs. Lee spent most of her married life at Arlington, sometimes with her husband and other times waiting his return from duty, such as the Mexican War.

In 1857 at the death of George Washington Parke Custis he left the Arlington Estate to Mrs. Lee for her lifetime. Because he was not much of a farmer and required little of his slaves, the estate was run down at the time of his death. As Executor of the Estate, Robert E. Lee felt that he was needed at Arlington. He took an extended leave and did not rejoin his Regiment for another 3 years.

Following the news of secession Virginia, Colonel Lee, on 20 April 1861, resigned his commission in the U.S. Army. On 22 April 1861, at the request of the Governor of Virginia, he left for Richmond. Mrs. Lee remained at Arlington to prepare and send the family possessions to a place

of safety. She had not completed the task, when on 24 May 1861 the seizure of lands between Washington and Alexandria by Federal troops caused her to abandon everything.

Arlington was situated on the line of fortifications guarding Washington and the Estate became an armed camp. After the Battle of First Manassas in July 1861, it was used as a field hospital. In 1864, at a tax sale the Northern United States acquired title to Arlington for \$ 26,800. (*Custis Lee in 1873 became entitled to receive the Estate back from the US Government in a decision by the US Supreme Court*)

In 1864 the Union dead were piling up around the Washington area. The Quartermaster general, Major General Montgomery C. Meigs recommended General Lees' former estate Arlington as a burial ground.

MG Meigs was a Southern native who remained loyal to the Union.

He hated Gen. Lee for his service to the Confederate cause. The intensity of Meigs work was fueled by this hatred of Gen. Lee and the Confederacy. As the War dragged on he became increasingly bitter against the Confederate leaders he blamed for dividing the nation and plunging it into war.

When an opportunity for revenge arose, he took it! Meigs ordered 26 of the Union dead taken from an Army morgue and buried at Lee's doorstep, in what then became Arlington Cemetery.

As I read the story of the Arlington Home and Estate and the intense hatred of MG Meigs, I am reminded of a story in the Bible in Genesis concerning Joseph, the beloved son of Jacob. We read in Genesis 37:18-36 of Josephs brother's intense hatred for him and their plot to kill him

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Next Meetings:

July 21, 2007
**CAMP PICNIC
@ EDGEWOOD PARK**

August 18, 2007
September 17, 2007
October 20, 2007
November 17, 2007
December 15, 2007

10:00 a.m. at
Westside Christian Church
432 SW Lindenwood Ave.

JEFF DANIELS STEPHEN LANG and ROBERT DUVALL
as ROBERT E. LEE

**GODS AND
GENERALS**



An unforgettable story of the Civil War, from the Director of "GETTYSBURG"

DVD

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cooked it and then had the maid throw the trash out in the backyard. She also had the maid hang laundry outside. These were things that just weren't done in this posh neighborhood. Her next-door neighbor was Ed McMann of TV fame. One day he had enough, took out his gun and shot holes in her underwear! The feud became a favorite topic of conversation when he and Johnny (Carson) chatted. Johnny finally brought her on the show and she and Ed made up in front of a national audience! Her name was Hudzeitz. That brother died three years ago.

When the six of us were put up for adoption, my Father thought it was a temporary situation. When he tried to get us back, we were all gone. It broke his heart. I was told he prayed for us everyday. That became a family tragedy. He died in 1977.

As I've outlined, all four my siblings were accounted for except my sister and me, so I was the last one to show up this last spring. My wife and I went to a family reunion this summer where I met four of my half-siblings (out

of six). My half-brother David Wheeler served in the Navy during Vietnam on a large aircraft carrier and then for a year on the "Dirty Boats" on the rivers. His son was a Marine and is now a policeman in Ft. Worth. My son is ex-army and a cop in south Florida. The two could be twins! One of my half-sisters looks and talks just like Reba McEntire! I also discovered I'm twenty-five percent Cherokee.

When my adoptive Mother died in 1980, among her papers I found a tiny envelope with a hank of my blond hair. I took that with me to Texas and when I was shown my Mother's and Father's graves, I knelt down, dug a little hole next to each



at my father's grave telling him I'm back

stone and buried a portion of the hair. I said to my Mother and Father, "I'm back"

One last story that haunts me. My brother, the career Marine, served in Korea in an anti-tank unit which would have been attached to an infantry company. He was wounded a few days before the end of the war while serving with the 2nd Bn., 1st Regt., 1st Marine Div. Guess who was the company corpsman (medic) of an infantry company in Korea at the end of the war in the 2nd Bn., 1st Regt., 1st Marine Div? Could I have walked past my own brother or tended his wound and not known it? That thought will always be with me.

I can't imagine a greater extra bonus from being a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, can you?

This was part two. Please see the last Newsletter for part one. Thank you Marshall for this great story.

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

and eventually selling him into slavery and he was taken to Egypt.

As you finish reading through the Book of Genesis you read how Joseph rose to power and saved Egypt during a time of famine through out all of the land.

Joseph's brother's did not know he was still alive and went to Egypt to purchase grain. Eventually Joseph revealed who he was and the family, including his Father Jacob, was reunited.

Once Jacob died the brothers feared that Joseph would take revenge on them for the evil that they had done to him.

However, in Genesis 50:20, Joseph tells them; "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good..."

Obviously, because of his hatred for Gen. Lee, Union Major General Meigs meant Evil to Robert E. Lee, his family and the Southern People; but as can be seen today God meant it for good for this Nation.



Picture of Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery taken in 1927