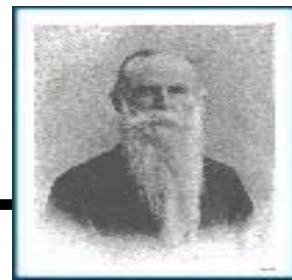


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Camp Officers

Camp Commander:

Denver Erickson

1st Lt Commander:

Kyle Erickson

2nd Lt Commander:

Jack Sanders

Chaplain: *Jack Sanders*

Adjutant: *Paul Honaker*

Treasurer: *Paul Honaker*

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

COMMANDERS CORNER

One of the most difficult jobs of being Commander of a Camp and Commander of the Kansas Division, is staying in touch with the members. To me this is one of the most important things a Commander should do. I personally find that a Commanders Corner is my way of reaching that important connection. Each month I write one column for the Division newsletter, another column bi-monthly for the ATM newsletter and one quarterly for the Camp newsletter. If my years of education serve me correctly, that's seven columns every four months! Each column needs to be completely different and needs to have a purpose or reason without being boring.

Another duty I have taken on myself is editor of the Division Newsletter. Why would I do this with all the reports, camp visits, and other duties required of me? The answer

to that question is very simple; but very difficult to explain. I am a perfectionist! At least that is what I have been told. I was told years ago as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster, along with the many other positions I have held in Scouting and other organizations, that when someone is in charge of a group they need to delegate authority to different people. In a sense this is to take some pressure off the person in charge.

Well that may work for a normal individual but for someone who is never satisfied it just doesn't work. In each one of the positions I have held, I found myself doing what I should be giving someone else to do for the mere fact that it wouldn't be done the way I wanted it done. So I find I have too many oars in the water. But you know something I have found out? If I don't have something to take up my time every minute of the day, I am looking for

something else to do. So I continue to take on more. As 'Ole Hank Jr. sang "It's a family tradition." The words 'Stop' and 'Retire' are dirty words.

Last months meeting was supposed to be elections. I suppose it is only necessary to have these elections because it is in our Camp Constitution to do so once a year. I say that because no one ever wants to run for these offices. I have to admit we have one of the best Adjutants we could ask for in Paul Honaker. As for 1st Lt Commander Kyle Erickson and 2nd Lt Commander Jack Sanders if I never ask them or let them do anything; then I can't complain about them not doing anything! So the only position left is the Camp Commander.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now that summer is over we will go back to our Saturday morning schedule. Starting this Saturday 19 September 2009 10:00am. See last page for other schedule dates. Col (Ret) James (Spike) Speicher from the Major Thomas J Key Camp in Kansas City will speak on

Robert E. Lee. For those of you who have heard Spike speak on the Hundley know that his presentations are always educational and entertaining.

Saturday 16 January 2010 the Major Thomas J Key Camp will again host their annual Lee

Jackson Banquet. Guest speaker this year will be CiC McMichael. Cost is \$ 20 per person. Reservation must be made. Contact Heath Roland from the Key Camp. Several members from Cols Lewis & Harrison Camp will be attending.

Confederate Trivia

NICKNAMES

1. "Dizzy Miss Lizzy"
2. "Old Pap"
3. "Shanks"
4. "Savior of the Valley"
5. "Mudwall"
6. "Father of Secession"

Rhett

6. South Carolina seces-
-tionist Robert Barnwell
wall Jackson
staff member of Stone-
cousin and one time
5. Gen. William Jackson, a
the Shenandoah Valley.
4. Gen. Thomas Rosser,
noted for his actions in
3. Gen. Nathan Evans,
noted for his thinness,
2. Gen. Sterling Price who
weighed 290 pounds.
1. Noted spy for the Un-
ion, Elizabeth Van
Lew. Acting addle-
brained help her con-
ceal her espionage.

Confederate Trivia Answers

CAMP FLAG

As you know we voted on a Camp Flag for the Cols Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854. We all agreed that we needed a flag that would best represent our part of the region of the War Between the State. We voted for the "Southern Rights" flag. The original flag is held by the Kansas Historical Society. At our 19 September 2009 meeting Denver will unveil our new flag to our Camp members.



Below is a narrative from the Kansas Historical Society on how Kansas came into possession of the flag. Keep in mind that it is written from a Yankee perspective.

"The flag of the Palmetto Guards is a reminder that Southerners came to settle Kansas as a slave state.

Kansas quickly became the center of attention when it opened for settlement in 1854. The whole nation knew that when Kansas became a state it would alter the balance of power between North and South. To gain Statehood, though, Kansas needed a constitution, one that would either prohibit or allow slavery. Only those who lived in the territory could cast a legal ballot, therefore, people on all sides of the slavery issue

flocked here.

As organizations like the New England Emigrant Aid Society encouraged antislavery northerners to settle Kansas, southern organiza-

Eldridge House), signaling they were in control of the city. Both buildings were then destroyed.

After the attack on Lawrence, the flag was seen at a banquet in Atchison where it was reported that the 'most ultra proslavery toasts were given, and the subjugation of Kansas by victors of Lawrence, was spoken of by the Southerners as a thing achieved.'

tions worked to accomplish the opposite. One group of South Carolinians formed an armed force in Kansas named the Palmetto Guards after a tree that symbolized their native state. They brought along a red flag with a single white star featuring the words 'South Carolina' on one side and 'Southern Rights' on the other. These men settled in Atchison, then very much a proslavery town. Their leader, Captain F.G. Phillips, was a graduate of the South Carolina Military Academy (now known as the Citadel)

The Palmetto Guards carried this flag into battle on Kansas soil. When a proslavery force attacked the town of Lawrence on 21 May 1856, the flag briefly flew over both the Herald of Freedom newspaper office and the Free State Hotel (now the

But the luck of the guards was running out. On 11 September 1856, a company of free-state men led by Captain James Harvey surprised the Palmetto Guards as they camped along Slough Creek, near Oskaloosa in Jefferson County. With little effort the Guards were captured, and the flag was taken as a trophy.

Harvey presented the flag to Colonel E.B. Whitman of Lawrence. In 1879 Whitman presented it to Franklin Adams of the Kansas historical Society (Adams had been with Harvey's company when the flag was captured). The flag is now in the collections of the Society's Kansas Museum of History."

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I will openly admit, I love being your Camp Commander. I don't mind setting up before meetings, and those present are always great at helping clean up after the meeting. I consider it a challenge to come up with new ideas for meetings and new speakers.

With that said, I want to make one thing perfectly clear, the position of Camp Commander is up for election every year and I will proudly step down if anyone wants to run and become Commander. I do not want any member of the Camp feeling that he should not run because it would hurt my feelings which is not true. Not only

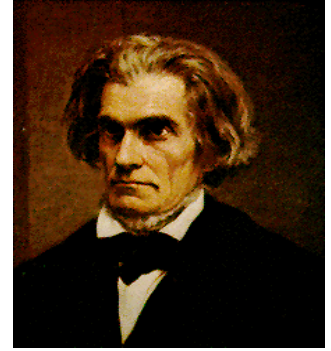
would I step down, I would be glad to assist them in the position if they chose to do it.

So why don't I step down? Let me answer that question. I was told by a past member some time back that I had been Commander too long and if no one came forward I should just abandon my post and force someone into the position. **I will say now and forever — that will not happen!!** I refuse to resign my post to force a member into a position they do not want and will not care for.

The Cols Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854 and its members mean too much to me to chance it

folding with such a selfish act like that. I have seen this Camp through many trials, and ups and downs. The members are like my family which I fully protect. So I will gladly continue at my post until someone is ready and willing to take command. If you feel that you would like to try the position of Camp Commander of the Cols Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854, I would highly recommend it as it is one of the most thrilling positions a member of the SCV can have and encourage you to come forward. If you do I will do all I can to assist you in making it work for you.

*Your Humble Servant
Denver J. Frickson*



QUOTES

"The South, the poor South"

- The dying words of States Rights activist John C. Calhoun, former U.S. Vice President

"Any people, anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right, a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world."

- Abraham Lincoln on the floor of Congress in 1847; thirteen years before the South began to secede

HAPPY SECESSION DAY

Perhaps the best evidence of how American history was rewritten, Soviet style, in the post-1865 era is the fact that most Americans seem to be unaware that "Independence Day" was originally intended to be a celebration of the colonists' secession from the British empire. Indeed, the word secession is not even a part the vocabulary of most Americans, who more often than not confuse it with "succession." The Revolutionary War was America's first war of secession.

America's most prominent secessionist, Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration, was very clear about what he was saying: *Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and whenever that consent is withdrawn, it is the right of the people to "alter or abolish" that government and to "institute a new government."* The word "secession" was not a part of the American language at that time, so Jefferson used the word "separation" instead to describe

the intentions of the American colonial secessionists.

The Declaration is also a states' rights document (not surprisingly, since Jefferson was the intellectual inspiration for the American states' rights political tradition). This too, is foreign to most Americans. But read the final paragraph of the Declaration which states:

That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and do all other things which independent states may of right do.

Each colony was considered to be a free and independent state, or nation, in and of itself. There

was no such thing as "the United States of America" in the minds of the founders. The independent colonies were simply united for a particular cause: seceding from the British empire. Each individual state was assumed to possess all the rights that any state possesses, even to wage war and conclude peace. Indeed, when King George III finally signed a peace treaty he signed it with all the individual America states, named one by one, and not something called "The United State of America." The "United States" as a consolidated, monopolistic government is a fiction invented by Lincoln and instituted as a matter of policy at gunpoint and at the expense of some 600,000 American lives during 1861-1865.

Jefferson defended the right of secession in his first inaugural address by declaring, "If there be any among us who

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Next Meetings:

Sept 19, 2009
October 17, 2009
Nov 21, 2009

10:00 a.m. at
Westside Christian
Church
432 SW Lindenwood Ave.
Topeka, Kansas 66606



LINCOLN EMPEROR

ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CHAPLAIN

Someone once said, "America is an insane asylum, and the inmates are in charge" I don't know if that's exactly true, but it sounds about right. Because someone also said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results".

The American people elect the same candidates, to the same offices, to do the same work, for the same reasons, with the same results, as those who were elected before them. Then we wonder why things don't change and just keep getting worse. We've put the Democrats in charge. We've put the Republicans in charge. We've elected men and women from every race and background who make campaign promises to fix all our problems. But, the end result is just more of the same.

The Bible refers to those, "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls; an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and

are gone astray." (2 Peter 2: 14, 15a) The Bible then states, "These are wells without water." (Vs. 17) And, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption." (Vs. 19) This seems to be a fairly close description of many we elect to have our best interest at heart and in mind. How can we expect different results?

Under such leadership, as a nation, we have "forsaken the right way, and are gone astray." So, what happened. How did we go astray? I'm sure most of us know. We have abandoned the policies and politics of our founding fathers, and have amended the Constitution until it is barely recognizable as the one they intended. And, as a nation, we have forsaken their Christianity as well. But, I see a glimmer of hope.

Even the most complacent American will eventually say, "Enough is enough, and I've had enough." On April 15th we had Tea Parties. This is reminiscent of our Revolution. Also, more and more states are proclaiming

their sovereignty and States Rights. In fact, one governor made a speech recently mentioning secession, that might have been made in 1861. It seems that many Americans are beginning to see things the way our Confederate forefathers did, whether they realize it or not.

Perhaps we are on the verge of turning back to the "right way." But, I believe it must begin with turning back to our Christian faith. This is true of our nation, and it is also true of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We must remember the course laid out for us by those who fought for Southern independence. This is not only a responsibility, but an honor. However, to be successful, we must also remember the Christian faith practiced by the officers and men of the Armies of the Confederate States of America.

Bro. Len Patterson
Chaplain, Army of
Trans-Mississippi

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would wish to dissolve this Union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left to combat it." (In sharp contrast, in his first inaugural address, Lincoln promised an "invasion" with massive "bloodshed" (his words) of any state that failed to collect the newly-doubled federal tariff rate by seceding from the union).

Jefferson made numerous statements in defense of the defining principal of the American Revolution: the right of secession. In a January 29, 1804 letter to Dr. Joseph Priestly he wrote:

"Whether we remain in one confederacy, or form into Atlantic

and Mississippi confederacies, I believe not very important to the happiness of either part. Those of the western confederacy will be as much our children & descendants as those of the eastern, and I feel myself as much identified with that country, in future time, as with this; and did I now foresee a separation [i.e., secession] at some future day, yet I should feel the duty & desire to promote the western interests as zealously as the eastern, doing all the good portions of our future family which would fall within my power.

In an August 12, 1803 letter to John C. Breckinridge, Jefferson addressed the same issue, in light of the New England Feder-

alists' secession movement in response to his Louisiana Purchase. If there were a "separation" into two confederacies, he wrote "God bless them both, & keep them in the union if it be for their good, but separate them, if it be better"

Beware of any Straussian nonsense about how it was really Lincoln who taught us to "revere" the Declaration of Independence. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Thomas J. DiLorenzo author of The Real Lincoln: A New Look at Abraham Lincoln, His Agenda and an Unnecessary War