



# The Gray Line

News from General Headquarters

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Information contained in the *Gray Line* is for use by all members. Commanders are encouraged to copy those items which directly affect their membership into their camp newsletters, or to include the *Gray Line* in its entirety as a part of your newsletters. Communication throughout the organization is very important and the *Gray Line* offers us a means to provide members with the most up-to-date information on many different topics.

## SCV Membership

The SCV historically loses 12 to 20 % of its membership at dues renewal time each year, and this year was no exception. Membership peaked at nearly 33,000 in late 2006, then dipped under 28,000 with the delinquent drop and has now climbed back to 29,290. This number includes 3082 Life Members and 52 remaining Real Sons. Membership has begun growing again with the number of reinstatements being 545 in Dec, 605 in Jan, 503 in Feb, and 297 in Mar whereas new membership applications received were 192 in Dec, 199 in Jan, 272 in Feb and 383 in March. The 383 new SCV membership applications received in March were the second largest number in the last 28 months. The SCV needs every member to work toward winning Dixie Club recruiting awards while continuing to work diligently to engage and retain our current members.

## Dues Proration

The SCV annual convention in Nashville TN in late July 2005 approved an amendment to prorate dues beginning last fiscal year and going forward in the future. The SCV operates on a fiscal year (not calendar) beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> of one year and going through July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The current fiscal year, August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007, is shown as status 2006 on your roster which means those members are paid through July 31, 2007. Additionally, there is a 3 month grace period from August 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> when members are still current while the camps work to collect the \$20 national dues for the next fiscal year. After November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a \$5 late fee is applied to the normal \$20 dues. If a new member joins now, in April, technically the last month of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the fiscal year, he can pay his \$20 yearly dues and the new member processing fee of \$5. However, he has the option to pay an additional \$10 to initially join for both the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year, a total of \$35.00, meaning his dues will be paid through July 31, 2007. If someone joins in May, June or July, technically the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the fiscal year, he will pay his \$20 annual dues and the \$5 new member processing fee plus he has the option to pay an additional \$5 to initially join for both the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year, a total of \$30.00. You should ensure that your new members take advantage of this.

**IMPORTANT** Please remember that this prorated dues option is only available when the member pays dues for both the current and next fiscal years. There is not an option to pay only the partial dues for the remainder of the current fiscal year. This new prorated dues system is a great improvement over the past practice when men who joined during the last six months of the fiscal year had no choice but to pay the entire \$25 for the remaining months in the fiscal year and then pay again between August 1<sup>st</sup> and the November 1<sup>st</sup> grace period ending date.

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## Gray Line

The Gray Line is only being sent out by internet! Please share this information with the members of your camp. Any member may receive the Gray Line. **Please be sure that your Army secretary has the current email addresses for your Camp Commander and Adjutant.** If neither the Camp Commander nor Adjutant has an email address, please furnish an alternate email address to the IHQ. Please send any changes or additions for the Gray Line email list to [exedir@scv.org](mailto:exedir@scv.org).

## Does your Camp have to file a tax return?

Camps and divisions that have subordinate tax identification numbers under the SCV umbrella Group Exemption Number (GEN) 8500 may receive booklets from the IRS entitled 2006 Returns for Organizations Exempt from Income Tax. Please be advised that camps and divisions DO NOT have to file a 990 tax return unless their revenues for the fiscal year (August 1 through July 31st) exceeded \$25,000 for the fiscal year. If you have any question about your camp's situation, please consult your CPA.

## Confederate Veteran Magazine

The next edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine, cover date March April 2007 is being printed and will be on its way to your mailbox in early to mid April. Any photographs or articles submitted to the Editor in Chief for publication in the camp news section should be sent electronically, if possible, to [eic@scv.org](mailto:eic@scv.org) or mailed directly to Frank B. Powell III, 9701 Fonville Rd, Wake Forest NC 27587. A CV magazine subscription is only \$10.00 per year for libraries and schools bought by SCV members or camps.

## SCV meeting nametags and 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stickers

The SCV is now into the 111<sup>th</sup> year since its founding in 1896, and GHQ has obtained official gold seal stickers for camps to use on their correspondence and envelopes. A limited number of these are still available through the Merchandise Section in packs of 100 for only \$5.00. Additionally, the SCV now offers pre printed SCV logo name tags that are perfect for helping recruits and new members feel at ease while learning the names of camp members and guests. These are available in groups of 50 for \$3.00 or \$5.00 for 100.

## Mobile Reunion

The 112<sup>th</sup> SCV annual general reunion/convention will be held from July 25 through July 28, 2007 at the Battle House Hotel, 29 N Royal St, Mobile AL 36604 and the toll free phone number is (866) 316-5957. The registration fee is only \$70 which includes a name badge, a reunion medal, and a program. The registration fee of \$70.00 will remain in effect until July 15, 2007 after this date, however, it will be a late registration, which along with walk ins, are **not** guaranteed to receive any item other than a name badge as there may not be sufficient programs and reunion medals remaining. For more details please go to the convention site: <http://www.scvsemmes.org/2007convention.shtml> to review the many wonderful opportunities that will be available for your entertainment in this historic city. Other activities of note will include a life size Hunley replica on display, and there will be a free concert by the Rebalaires. Don't delay your registration and take a chance on missing this exciting event.

## SCV Credit Card Revenue Sharing

The SCV began on August 1, 2006 sharing 25% of the revenue obtained through the affinity credit card program with the SCV divisions based on the mailing address of the card holders. Through early April 2007, thirteen different divisions have received at least one check, and the total amount of credit card earnings distributed to the divisions is \$4451. This is a win-win program for the SCV and its divisions. Additional credit card applications are available from the General Headquarters.

## Recruiting Materials

The Recruiting Committee has phased out the color printed brochure with an application included and replaced it with a plain white paper and black ink application that contains the state archives contact information on the reverse side. This application may also be printed directly from the SCV website. Additionally, the SCV has a gray card stock information card that may be obtained from GHQ and provided to interested persons. Finally, there is a new brochure entitled "Invitation to Join the SCV" with color photographs and information along with a tear out return post card to request an application. The card comes to GHQ; however, some camps place their own address over the label to have it returned to a local address. Camps are asked to pay for the postage costs of mailing these materials.

**Cadet Membership** is a new program that has been established for males from birth to 12 years of age who are otherwise eligible for SCV membership. A regular SCV application, with the word Cadet written or printed at the top, will be submitted along with \$10 to General Headquarters (GHQ), completely filled out including the Camp's approval. The GHQ will enter the young man in the database, assign him a SCV membership number, and all records will be the same as a full member except that his membership status will be different. The names of cadet members will not appear on the camp membership roster nor will they receive the Confederate Veteran magazine. A new cadet member joining for the year August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 will be status **CM06**. Once the young man becomes 12, he will pay his regular dues and his status will be changed to the appropriate fiscal year which will make him a full member. The SCV now has 108 new cadet members.

**Other Future Events-** Additional information concerning upcoming 2007 events follows this page: Forrest Homecoming Celebration on Saturday June 23, 2007, and the 2007 Sam Davis Youth Camps (see registration form below for more info). The GHQ has a limited number of Sam Davis Youth Camp videos, only in VHS format. Camps interested in sponsoring a 2007 camper, may obtain a free copy on a first come first serve basis, to show at a camp meeting or to parents of prospective campers. Please contact your Army secretary or the Merchandising section to request a copy.

# N. B. Forrest Boyhood Home Fundraiser 2007



Sat. June 23rd / 9am ~ 3pm  
Chapel Hill, Tenn.

map & info: [elmspringscsa.com](http://elmspringscsa.com)

Silent auction and monetary donations are requested & appreciated.

Call Bryan Sharp at GHQ to donate items for the silent auction.

Please send all monetary donations to:

SCV Forrest Home Fund P.O. Box 59 Columbia, TN 38402-0059

~ All funds go toward restoration of the home ~

# Calling All Sons & Daughters to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sam Davis Youth Camp



Find us on the web at: <http://samdavis.scv.org> for more info.

**Co-ed Camp:** Monday, July 30 (3:00 PM) - Sunday, August 5, 2007  
(11:00 AM) at South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers,  
Batesburg-Leesville, SC

Why should your son or daughter attend the Sam Davis Youth Camp?

In a survey conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis in 2000, 65% of college seniors **failed** to pass a high school equivalent American history test:

- Only 23% correctly identified James Madison as the "Father of the Constitution."
  - Yet, 98% knew that "Snoop Doggy Dog" is a rapper.
- Just over half, 52% knew that George Washington's Farewell Address warned against establishing permanent alliances with foreign governments.
  - Yet, 99% correctly identified Beavis & Butthead.

In 1864, Major-General Patrick Cleburne prophetically warned: *If the South should lose, it means that the history of the heroic struggle will be written by the enemy, that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers, will be impressed by all of the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision.*

Today, his words ring all too true. There is no question that the youth of today must run a terrible gauntlet, and that many are struck down along the way by one or more of the politically correct influences which flourish in our schools. Sometimes these youths are from the best homes, with strong families and religious training. With even the most conscientious parenting though, oftentimes in high school or college, even these best & brightest finally succumb to the liberal, *politically correct* view of history.

This summer, you can help turn the tide. For one week, our Southern young men and ladies (ages 12-20) will gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp (named for the great young Confederate Sam Davis) will combine fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the War Between the States, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of the Faith, and for the first year, special programs and sessions for our Southern ladies!

This is the fifth year the Sons of Confederate Veterans has offered such a wonderful event for our sons and grandsons, and the second year we offer the program for our daughters. We urge you to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is our responsibility to teach our Southern history and culture to the future generations.

**Need more details? Interested in becoming a counselor? Please contact:**

**Jack E. Marlars, Director**  
**Sam Davis Youth Camp**

**E-mail: marlars3@bellsouth.net**  
**Phone/Voice Mail: (864) 862-3946**

# The Sam Davis Youth Camp - 2007 Registration Form

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Date of Birth: *(must be born on or before June, 1995)* \_\_\_\_\_

Which SD Youth Camp will you be attending? \_\_\_\_\_ South Carolina

Name of Sponsoring SCV Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian with Whom Camper Lives: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Work or Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Required Medical Information

*Please attach additional information as needed.*

Date of Last Tetanus Booster: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescribed Medication Taken, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Taking Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Allergies (including type of reaction): \_\_\_\_\_

Does Camper Have Asthma or Hay Fever? \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Activities to Be Restricted (Please state reason): \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Information (Group, Plan Number & Phone Number). Please attach copy of Insurance Card

## Medical Release Form

*Registration cannot be processed without the signature of the camper's parent or guardian on this release form.*

In case of medical emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of campers. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Sam Davis Youth Camp to hospitalize; secure proper treatments; and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named. I also understand that the Sam Davis Youth Camp reserves the right to review any information given and determine camper capability based upon that information.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

**Payment is due when your completed application is submitted. The cost for room, board, and all activities and needed supplies is \$495.00 for each camper. Make checks payable to The Sam Davis Youth Camp, and mail to: Post Office Box 59, Columbia, TN, 38402. When your registration has been received and processed, you will receive a confirmation by mail, followed by details regarding camp facilities and scheduled activities.**

**Registration Deadline: July 16, 2007**