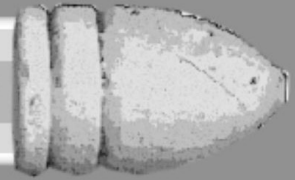




The Gray Line

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 and Recruiting

Membership currently stands at 30,020 including 3087 Life Members and 50 Real Sons. The new prorated dues system, discussed again in this issue, has eliminated any incentive to postpone recruiting new members until after the new fiscal year begins on August 1st. To date 1207 members have taken advantage of dues proration and their dues are paid through July 31, 2008. Please continue to recruit new members and get former members to reinstate as we build the SCV to a record high number of members. The membership application may now be printed directly from the website on non recycled bond paper which meets all requirements for historical longevity. Please help the SCV in the transition from expensive printed application brochures mailed from GHQ to printing them quickly and easily at the camp level. The informational gray cards also continue to be available as do the new Invitation to Join the SCV brochures.

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 1st of one year and going through July 31st 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 1st through November 1st when members are still current while the camps work to collect the \$20 national dues for the next fiscal year. After November 1st of each year, a \$5 late fee is applied to the normal \$20 dues. If a new member joins now, in May 2007, technically the first month of the 4th quarter of the fiscal year, he will pay his \$20 yearly dues and the new member processing fee of \$5. However, 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, meaning his dues will be paid through July 31, 2008. You should ensure that your new members take advantage of this dues rate. This same rate applies in June and July 2007 as well.

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 1st and the November 1st grace period ending date.

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2007 Reunion Camp Mailing

In the next couple of weeks your camp adjutant will receive a current camp roster, credentials form and information pertaining to voting at the 112th Annual General Reunion/Convention of the SCV to be held July 25-28, 2007 in Mobile AL. Please be sure this information is shared with the Camp Commander. The credentials form should list the delegate(s) and signed by either the commander or adjutant as listed on the camp roster. Please ensure that the GHQ has the correct names of the current commander and adjutant listed on your camp roster. New memberships, reinstatements and transfers will continue to be added to your roster on any mail received at the headquarters with a post mark date of July 1, 2006 or earlier. Also, please make sure GHQ has the officer email addresses so we may send more of these items electronically in the future and save hundreds of dollars in postage expense.

Postage Rate Changes

Please carefully determine the correct amount of postage under the new rates prior to mailing material to the GHQ. First class letters of 1 ounce or under are \$0.41. Large envelopes, now referred to as flats, are considerably more expensive based on actual weight. When insufficient postage is affixed to the envelope, the postal service is charging postage due as well as a penalty amount requiring the SCV's representative to stand in line to pick up and then pay for the item. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Logo merchandise- Camps may use the SCV's trademarked logo on clothing and other merchandise items for sale within the camp provided that the camp's name or number, or both camp name and number, appears along side the logo. Logo items may only be worn or purchased by active SCV members. There have been several recent incidents where the SCV logo has been misused by people, including at least one member, attempting to sell items through the internet for personal profit. The SCV vigorously protects its logo.

SCV Member Internet Service Provider

The SCV has recently signed a contract with Click South, an internet service provider who is Southern friendly unlike some others with whom you may have done business in the past. You may access them from the SCV website which will take you to this link: <http://scv.clicksouth.net/>. They will also provide 10% of the revenue they receive from SCV members back to the SCV.

SCV Mobile Phone Service

Are you nearing the end of your mobile phone contract? Are you less than enthralled with your current carrier? In the next few months you will be able to get SCV logo branded mobile phone service through Sonopia a unique new company that is signing up groups such as the SCV to offer popular mobile phones and service plans, using the Verizon network and minutes purchased from them. The service provider though will be Sonopia who will also be providing the SCV a percentage of gross revenues received from customers who are SCV members, their families and our other supporters. This roll out will be announced in detail at the July 2007 Reunion in Mobile.

Mobile Reunion

The 112th SCV annual general reunion/convention will be held from July 25 through July 28, 2007 at the Battle House Hotel, 26 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 H. L. Hunley submarine 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.

AWARDS PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION July 25 - 28, 2007 Mobile, Alabama

The SCV Awards Manual was revised in February 2006. All awards will be in accordance with this revised edition. The Awards Manual may be downloaded from the SCV website. Previous editions of the Awards Manual are obsolete.

Awards Display

The SCV Awards Display will be set-up for the National Convention in Mobile near the SCV Headquarters table by noon on Wednesday, July 25, 2007. This is the drop-off and pick-up point for all SCV awards at the convention.

Best Camp Award

Camps who wish to participate in this competition should print a copy from the SCV website or they may request one from GHQ if they have no internet access. Entry forms should be sent to:

Compatriot Chuck Norred
Best Camp Competition
16526 Karen Rd
Madera, CA 93638

All entries should be on the new form approved effective July 1, 2002. Any forms from previous years will not be valid. Please check and make sure you have the current form. Up-to-date forms should be available on the SCV website. **Deadline for best camp entry forms is June 15, 2007.**

Newsletter Awards

To be entered in the newsletter competition, **four (4) copies of each newsletter issued during the eligibility period must be submitted to the National Awards Committee by June 15, 2007.** Eligibility period is July 2006 issue through June 2007 issue. *See the Awards Manual for all details that must accompany the entry.* Newsletters should be sent to:

**Compatriot Gary Ayres
SCV Newsletter Competition
3615 S 70th Rd
Humansville MO 65674**

Scrapbook and Historical Project Award

Entries for the scrapbook or historical project awards must be delivered to the awards display table not later than **5:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26, 2007.** No entries will be accepted after that time. Camps must arrange to pick up their entries on Saturday, prior to the dismantling of the Awards Display Table. Entries not picked up will be discarded at the end of the convention. *See the Awards Manual for requirements and details for these awards.*

Best Website Award

SCV units interested in competing for the Best Website Award should submit their URL through the link on the front page of the website at www.scv.org no later than June 20, 2007. Judging will be performed by experienced webmasters outside the SCV, based on generally recognized criteria for website excellence. Judging will take place at a randomly chosen time between June 20 and July 20, 2007.

Individual Member Awards

Any nominations for individual member awards should be submitted by Division Commanders to the GHQ no later than June 15, 2007 to allow time for Awards Committee review, approval by the Commander in Chief, and for the staff to prepare the awards and include the names in the Awards Luncheon Booklet. Please submit these award recommendations even sooner if you are able to do so.

Presentation of Awards

All awards will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, July 27, 2007 or at the Saturday night banquet on July 28, 2007. Please pick up your award after the luncheon as well as those of men in your camp to take them home with you. This simple process will also save the SCV hundreds of dollars of postage expense and enable the staff to process your dues and new memberships more quickly when they return to GHQ.

Sam Davis Youth Camps

There will be two Sam Davis Youth Camps sponsored by the SCV in 2007 both of which will be co educational camps. The first camp will be held from Sunday July 1st to Saturday July 7 at Three Mountain Retreat, 1648 FM 182 Clifton TX 76634. The deadline for applications is Friday June 22, 2007. The second camp will be held from Monday July 30th to Sunday August 5th at the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers, Batesburg-Leesville SC. The deadline for applications is Monday July 16, 2007. A copy of the camper application and more information is attached. The cost of each camp is \$495 and both partial and full need based scholarships are available. Camps should contact the field representative or the camp director for further information. The GHQ has a limited number of Sam Davis Youth Camp videos, and 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. Please contact your Army secretary or the Merchandising section to request a copy.

Other Future Events

Forrest Homecoming Celebration will be held on Saturday June 23, 2007 at the Forrest Boyhood Home near Chapel Hill NC. This is a fun filled day of celebrating your Confederate Heritage while also helping to raise funds for the Forrest Boyhood Home restoration project. Additional information may be found on the attached flyer.

Gray Line

The Gray Line is only being sent out via the 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 GHQ. Please send any changes or additions for the Gray Line email list to exedir@scv.org.

Confederate Veteran Magazine

The next edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine, cover date May June 2007 is in process, should be at the printing company in early June and will be on its way to your mailbox in mid June. Any photographs or articles for publication in the camp news section of future editions should be submitted directly to the Editor in Chief, by electronic means if possible, to pic@scv.org or mailed to Frank B. Powell III, 9701 Fonville Rd, Wake Forest NC 27587. A CV magazine subscription is only \$10.00 per year for public libraries and schools when purchased by SCV members or camps.

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 May 2007, thirteen different divisions have received at least one check, and the total amount of credit card earnings distributed to the divisions in less than ten months is nearly \$5000. This is a win-win program for the SCV and its divisions. Additional credit card applications are available from the General Headquarters.

N. B. Forrest Boyhood Home Fundraiser 2007



Sat. June 23rd / 9am ~ 3pm
Chapel Hill, Tenn.
map & info: 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 5th Annual Sam Davis Youth Camp



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

Co-Ed Camps: The first camp will be held from Sunday July 1st to Saturday July 7th at the Lutheran Retreat, 1648 FM 182 Clifton TX 76634. The deadline for applications is Friday June 29th 2007.

The second camp will be held from Monday July 30th to Sunday August 5th at the Lutheran Retreat Centers, Batesburg-Leesville SC. The deadline for application is Friday August 3rd 2007.

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

