

SCV

Gray Line

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Information for Commanders, Adjutants and Members

31,990 Members

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.

Interim ANV Commander appointed

Christopher M. Sullivan of South Carolina has been appointed by Commander in Chief Ron Wilson as the new Army of Northern Virginia Commander. He is a Past Division Commander and has long been recognized among compatriots in South Carolina as a steadfast defender of our heritage. A special election will be held at this year's national reunion in Asheville, North Carolina, where delegates from the ANV will elect a new Commander. Any member of an ANV camp can seek the office in that election.

Third Chaplain's Conference planned for August 15 in South Carolina

John Weaver, Chaplain in Chief, has announced that the third Chaplain's Conference is planned for August 15, 2003 in Summerville, South Carolina. Pastor Robert Eubanks and Ridge Baptist Church are the hosts. The church address is: Ridge Baptist Church, 2168 Ridge Road, Summerville, SC, 29483. The contact phone number is 843-873-4262. We trust that many who have been unable to attend because of teaching and other work related responsibilities will be able to make it to this summer conference. All Ministers of the Gospel, Priests, or Rabbis who are SCV members are also invited. .

SCV approved for 2003 Combined Federal Campaign!

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have been notified by Mara T. Paternoster, Director of the Office of CFC Operations, that we have been found eligible for inclusion on the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) National List. The Combined Federal Campaign is the annual fund-raising drive conducted by Federal employees in their workplace each fall. Each year Federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC to benefit thousands of non-profit agencies. Our inclusion in this drive means that ANY Federal Employee, including armed forces and post office personnel, can donate to the SCV through payroll deduction (similar to United Way campaigns). This year's campaign runs September 1 through December 15, 2003. Funds are solicited ONLY during that period. Our organization will be listed in the National/International Organization brochure and our **CFC ID number is 0887**. Information has been posted on the national website at www.scv.org, or you can check out the CFC website at www.opm.gov/cfc/. Compatriots, please express your thanks to Don Beck of Maryland and Past CiC Rick Griffin of Maryland, the driving forces behind this project. Both men, along with SCV Executive Director Ben Sewell, were instrumental in making this happen.

Important Changes to Gray Line Announced

As a cost saving measure, **after this issue the Gray Line will no longer appear in printed form. It will be sent out by internet only!!** Any member may receive the Gray Line via this method, however, it is vital that Camp Commanders make sure a current email address is on file for you at IHQ. If the Camp Commander does not have email access, it is very important that the email address of the Camp Adjutant and/or newsletter editor be on file. In the unlikely event that none of these people have email, at least forward a current email address for one member of your camp. **Don't miss vital information !** Email the correct address TODAY to exedir@scv.org.

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**SCV Summer Youth
Camp
Scheduled for this
Summer**

A unique recreational and educational camp, the first SCV Summer Youth Camp ever, has been scheduled for later this year. The camp will be held at Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone, Alabama, August 3rd through the 9th, at the conclusion of the Asheville Reunion in North Carolina (A camp that had been tentatively scheduled in Clifton, Texas has been cancelled.) Response has been great so far, but applications are still being accepted. The camp will provide five days and evenings of recreational activities for young men aged 12 to 20. The uniqueness of this camp is the five days of Confederate history and heritage classes that will be taught during the day and around the campfire at night. .

**Application in
Confederate Veteran
magazine**

It will cost \$395 for each young man in camp. However, if a sponsoring SCV camp or individual signs up prior to June 1st, 2003, the early bird registration cost is only \$325. Both prices include all activities, meals, and lodging. Transportation is not included. Those attending should plan on arriving Sunday afternoon and departing the following Friday evening or Saturday morning. Camps or individuals, step forward and take advantage of the chance to educate our Confederate young in a way never before available.

I am asking each Camp of the SCV to sponsor at least one young man to attend. Campers can be members of the SCV or non-members. If they are non-members (and most of them will be), the sponsoring camp or member must include the necessary paperwork for them to become a member of the SCV if they choose to join during the camp.

This is a bold, aggressive program and its success depends on YOU. I urge you to fill out the application and additional paperwork for nonmembers and mail it in today. Our children and grandchildren are being brainwashed in the public school system. We must fight back! There will be no political correctness at this camp. Our faculty will consist of academicians, authors, lawyers, businessmen, and plain old members like me. **If you are interested in becoming a camp counselor, contact me directly at cic@scv.org.** The application and the schedule for a typical day at camp is in the Vol. Two, 2003 issue of the Confederate Veteran magazine. The cost is modest. Won't you make your son or grandson a part of this truly exceptional Southern experience?

**Confederate Veteran
subscription rates
have gone up!
Second Notice!**

Recently, the Commander in Chief has approved a much-needed increase in the non-member subscription price of our magazine, *The Confederate Veteran*. **Effective October 23, 2002, new rates are as follows:** Regular subscriptions \$26.00/year; Bulk subscriptions (sold by Jack Marlar) \$24.00/year; overseas rate \$39.00/year. This was announced in the last issue of *The Confederate Veteran*, but camps are continuing to send in \$15.00 for associate member subscriptions. As of December, this was still being honored by headquarters, but be advised that the new rates are now in effect.

**Forrest Boyhood
Fundraiser a Big
Success!**

The first annual Army of Tennessee fund raiser at the Nathan Bedford Forrest Boyhood home in Chapel Hill, Tennessee was a great success. Army Commander Alan Trapp would like to extend his thanks to Compatriots Gene Andrews, Boots Nix, Skip Earle, and Jason Goodrich for their help in making the event possible.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment—2003

Article VI—General Officers

Current:

Section 7. The Editor in Chief shall be elected for a term of two years by the General Executive Council on nomination by the Commander in Chief, and he may be removed from office by the General Executive Council. Upon election, he shall become a member of the General Executive Council with vote, and shall remain a member for the duration of his tenure as Editor in Chief.

Change:

Delete this entire section and renumber the remaining sections.

Article VIII—General Executive Council

Current:

Section 1.

(a) Between General Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the General Executive Council, which shall be composed of the Commander in Chief, the Lieutenant Commander in Chief, the Chief of Staff, the Adjutant in Chief, the Judge Advocate in Chief, the Editor in Chief, the Chaplain in Chief, the three Department Commanders, in addition to one member from each Department, and all Past Commanders in Chief.

Change:

Delete the words “the Editor in Chief.”

(Rationale for Proposed Amendment: The Editor in Chief is now a paid staff position and should no longer be on the General Executive Council.)

Second Appeal—Last Confederate Widow Needs Your Help

Last year, an urgent appeal for financial support for our last Confederate widow, Mrs. Alberta Martin. Beginning in 2002, we were short \$500.00/month in paying all of Mrs. Martin's bills. She is in a nursing facility, and requires around the clock care. Camps and compatriots gave generously, and met her financial needs for 2002. **Unfortunately, camps and individuals have not been answering the call as eagerly as they did last year, and the money raised from the last fund-drive is quickly dwindling.** Mrs. Martin is now 96 years old, and with the recent death of a widow of a Federal soldier, she has become the LAST LIVING widow of any War Between the States soldier. We must fulfill the charge given to the SCV by Gen. Stephen Dill Lee and take care of the widows and children of the Confederate Veterans! Won't your camp at least consider a gift of \$5.00/month (\$60.00/year)? Make your checks payable to **Sons of Confederate Veterans—the Mrs. Alberta Martin Fund**, and send it to Russell Darden, P.O. Box 340, Courtland, VA 23837.

New Jesse James Video now Available - Will Benefit Heritage Defense Fund

The Sons of Confederate Veterans are proud to announce the release of a new documentary by veteran historical filmmaker and SCV Chief of Staff Ron Casteel that chronicles the lives of Confederate partisans Frank and Jesse James. *Jesse and Frank James: Missouri Confederates* is available on VHS for only \$24.95 from the SCV Gift Shop. This professionally produced, 65 minute color presentation contains exclusive footage of the final burial of Jesse James, interviews with James family experts, and visits to historic sites associated with the James brothers. Perfect for a camp meeting program! Learn the facts behind these two Confederate brothers who rode with William Quantrill and Bloody Bill Anderson and later became celebrated outlaws. **All proceeds go directly into the SCV Heritage Defense Fund.** Call 1-800-My-Dixie to order.

Awards Information for 2003 SCV National Reunion, Asheville, North Carolina

Awards Book Revised

The SCV Awards Manual was revised in April, 2002. All awards will be given in accordance with this revised edition. The Awards Manual is available from IHQ, or it may be downloaded from the SCV website. Previous editions of the Awards Manual are now obsolete.

Awards Display

The SCV Awards Display will be set up at the convention near the SCV Headquarters table by noon on Wednesday, July 30, 2003. This is the drop-off and pickup point for all SCV awards at the convention. No MOS&B entries should be left at this table—the MOS&B has a separate entry table.

Best Camp Award

An entry form will be sent to Camp Adjutants early in May. Adjutants who have not received one as of May 25, 2003 should request one from IHQ. Completed entry forms should be sent to:

Compatriot Gary Whitfield
Best Camp Competition
3908 West 4th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107

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 correct form - it has the July 1, 2002 effective date in the lower left corner. Entry forms should soon be available on the SCV website.

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 27, 2003. Eligibility period is July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2003. See the awards manual for all details that must accompany the entries. Newsletters should be sent to:

Compatriot Anthony Hodges
SCV Newsletter Competition
1125 Cumberland Road
Chattanooga, TN 37419

Scrapbook and Historical Project Award

Entries for the scrapbook or historical project awards must be delivered to the awards display table no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2003. No entries will be accepted after that time. Camps must arrange to pick up their entries on Saturday, prior to the takedown of the display table. Entries not picked up in a timely fashion will be discarded at the end of the convention.

Best Web Site Award

SCV camps interested in competing for this award should send notification to SCV Webmaster John Adams (webmaster@scv.org), who will be the awards coordinator, by June 15. Notification should include web site URL. Judging will be by experienced webmasters outside of the SCV. Scoring will be based on generally recognized criteria for web site excellence. Judging will take place at a randomly chosen time between June 15 and July 15.

Presentation of Awards

All awards will be presented at the SCV Awards Luncheon on Friday, August 1, 2003, or at the Saturday night banquet on August 2, 2003.

New SCV Cookbook Project Underway

A contract has been signed with Pelican Publishing Company of New Orleans to produce a second SCV cookbook. The new book will feature dessert/candy/cookie recipes ONLY. Submissions are now being accepted until **July 1, 2003** for this important fundraiser. A total of 300 recipes are needed, so there is a good chance yours can be included. The book will be published and ready for release at the 2004 SCV National convention. The name of the book has not yet been determined, and suggestions are welcomed. If we use your title, you will be credited in the book.

Please attach the following form to your recipe submission (multiple submissions ok—we can't use 20 pecan pie recipes!) and send to Lynda Moreau, 4009 Green Acres Rd., Metairie, LA 70003. Submissions may also be faxed to 504-888-7943, or emailed to promo@scv.org, but please make sure the following information is included along with your recipe:

Name _____

Camp Name/Number _____

Home Address _____

Telephone Numbers: Day _____ Evening _____

Email address _____

Confederate Ancestor's Name/Regt. _____

Tell me a little story about your ancestor _____

Do you have a photo of your ancestor that you would be willing to include in the book? _____

What makes your recipe special? _____

Are you willing to participate in a book signing in your town, if one is arranged for you? _____

Any suggestions for the title of the book? _____

This form may be photocopied



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