

The Gray Line News



High Bridge



High Bridge Camp # 1581

Sons of Confederate Veterans

"DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR SOUTHERN HERITAGE"

December 15, 2020

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*



**Reminder: Election of Officers
is held at our January meeting.**

In Memory of the Confederate Soldier

Major General Fitzhugh Lee

The private soldier of the Confederacy had no hope of conspicuous honors, no opportunity to lay up riches, while meager rations and scant clothing banished any prospect he may have cherished for a reasonable amount of the pleasures of army

life. The separation from his home, in many instances, marked the period when domestic sorrow replaced domestic happiness, and absolute want followed a fair competence. He gave a wonderful exhibition of courage, constancy and suffering, which no disaster could diminish, no defeat darken. The soldiers went to battle from a sense of duty, and were not lured into the ranks by bounties and pensions. If saved from the dangers of the contest, his reward was the commendation of his immediate commanding officers and the conscientiousness of duty faithfully performed. If drowned amid the hail of shot and shell, his hastily buried body filled a nameless grave, without military honors and without religious ceremonies. No page of history recounted in lofty language his courage on the field or his devotion to his country, or described how, like a soldier, he fell in the forefront of battle. His battle picture, ever near the flashing of the guns should be framed in the memory of all who admire true heroism, whether found at the cannon's mouth, or in the blade of the cavalry, or along the blazing barrels of the infantry. There he stood, with the old, torn slouch hat, the bright eye, the cheek colored by exposure and painted by excitement, the face stained with powder, with jacket rent, trousers torn and the blanket in shreds, printing in the dust of battle the tracks of his shoeless feet. No monument can be built high enough to commemorate the memory of a typical private soldier of the South.

War For What?

by Francis Springer)

In Mississippi on Feb. 1, 1890 an appropriation for a monument to the Confederate dead was being considered. A delegate had just spoken against the bill, when John F. Harris, a Negro Republican delegate from Washington, County, rose to speak: "Mr. Speaker! I have arisen here in my place to offer a few words on the bill. I have come from a sick bed. Perhaps it was not prudent for me to come. But sir, I could not rest quietly in my room without contributing a few remarks of my own. I was sorry to hear the speech of the young gentlemen from Marshall County. I am sorry that any son of a soldier should go on record as opposed to the erection of a monument in honor of the brave dead. And, Sir, I am convinced that had he seen what I saw at Seven Pines, and in the Seven Day's fighting around Richmond, the battlefield covered with the mangled forms of those who fought for their country and for their country's honor, he would not have made the speech. When the news came that the South had been invaded, those men went forth to fight for what they believed, and they made no requests for monuments. But they died, and their virtues should be remembered. Sir, I went with them. I, too, wore the gray, the same color my master wore. We stayed four long years, and if that war had gone on till now I would have been there yet. I want to honor those brave men who died for their convictions. When my mother died I was a boy. Who, Sir, then acted the part of a mother to the orphaned slave boy, but my old MISSUS! Were she living now, or could would tell me to vote for this bill. And, Sir, I shall vote for it. I want it known to all the world that my vote is given in favor of the bill to erect a

monument in HONOR OF THE CONFEDERATE DEAD."

When the applause died down, the measure passed overwhelmingly, and every Negro member voted "AYE".

(Source: War For What? by Francis Springer)

Please Read The Duties of our Camp Officers

Commander

The Commander has a unique responsibility to lead, encourage, assist, guide, maintain esprit de corps, and above all, to work to achieve harmony within the camp. While an SCV camp is a democratically run organization, the camp Commander does have the overall responsibility for the camp he has been elected to serve. The Commander presides at all meetings or otherwise designates his subordinate officers to do so. He is nominated for office by a nominating committee, or from the floor. He will appoint all non-elected officers and all necessary committees and will perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He will fill all vacated offices occurring during his administration until the next election of officers, with the advice and consent of the Camp Executive Council.

Lieutenant Commander

His authority is second only to the Commander. He presides in the absence of the Commander. Upon the resignation or death of the Commander, the Lieutenant Commander automatically becomes Commander for the unexpired term. He usually chairs the Programs Committee. He represents the Commander at all memorial services when the Commander is not present. The Lieutenant Commander is also a member of the Camp Executive Council.

Adjutant

The Adjutant may serve more than one term and a good one should be encouraged to continue in his post. The duties and responsibilities of Adjutant include those duties performed in many organizations by Secretary, Treasurer and registrar. In many camps a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Genealogist or several other positions may assist the Adjutant. His position is the most critical for the camp's continued growth and administrative responsibilities. An individual who procrastinates should not be considered for this office. This office and its complexities require an entire section of its own. It is useful for Adjutants to have some guidelines to make the performance of their duties easier and more accurate since these duties are detailed and repetitive in nature. Additionally, these guidelines will permit all camps to operate in a similar manner

Adjutant's Duties

The Adjutant must take minutes,, process transfers and deceased member reports, process and file resolutions, keep records current and pass dated records to the Historian. The Adjutant must have computer skills. When processing a new member application, it is very important to complete this task immediately after receiving the application from the membership committee. If an application for membership is received directly by the Adjutant, then he should forward the application to the Membership Committee for approval. There are a number of steps that may be made easier with some preliminary preparations such as keeping all paper and supplies available in one place. Ten, twenty, or as many as fifty envelopes may be stamped with the return address of the camp and with postage stamps applied ahead of time. Also, several envelopes may be addressed to General and to Division Headquarters.

Camps who have their membership data saved on computer files may want to use adhesive address labels.

It is recommended to keep a supply of membership applications, and processing forms such as Transfer, Annual Report, and submittal forms. Also, camps may want to maintain camp certificates, auto decals and tags, deposit slips, and a merchandise price list from General Headquarters. **Always make a copy of documents passing over your desk and keep your filing up to date.** Must process new member applications, take minutes, and administer the roll call, process transfers and deceased member reports.

Chaplain

A man with strong religious convictions usually fills this office. He will open and close all meetings with an invocation and a benediction. He serves at various memorial services and funerals. He should have the responsibility to send get-well cards to the sick. He should report to the camp on the condition of members and needs during their illnesses and recuperation. The Chaplain should order flowers for the deceased, at the camp's expense and with the approval of the Camp's Executive Council. He must also prepare a report of death for each deceased member and forward this to the Chaplain-in-Chief.

Treasurer

Not all Camps have the office of Treasurer. In smaller camps, a Treasurer's duties are often process new member applications, collect dues (per capita tax), give the Treasurer's report, record and administer the roll call, pay bills. The duties of the Camp Treasurer, where one exists, are extracted from those duties that would otherwise fall upon the Adjutant. The Treasurer handles the business affairs of the camp. He posts dues payments and sees that bills are paid.

He handles the banking arrangements of the Camp and writes the checks. It is recommended to keep a supply of lapel pins and wallet membership cards

Historian (Appointed)

This officer has the responsibility of collecting and recording the camp's history, and other significant data worthy of saving for the current camp membership and also for future generations. The Historian also preserves rosters, mailing address lists and aids in research necessary, for graves registration and individual ancestor research and maintain camp certificates. If the camp succeeded a UCV camp, a special effort should be made to retrieve and report on such history. Copies of any old UCV camp historical files should be made and forwarded to the General Headquarters where the files will be maintained for historical research purposes.

Quartermaster (Appointed)

This officer is responsible for the care of Camp flags, , ordering supplies for festivals and recruiting booths and other equipment. He will see that necessary equipment and supplies get to the meeting place, to memorial services, to campsites, parades, etc. in a timely manner so as to be used effectively. It is recommended to keep a supply of lapel pins, presentation mugs and decals.

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1868 Commencement Speech at Davidson College

"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate ancestors. Make sure they have no reason to be ashamed of you."

Robert Lewis Dabney
Chief of Staff to Stonewall Jackson

Next Meeting

Jan. 28, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café

Election of officers

Please read the officers duties so we can nominate and elect Officers who will effectively lead the Camp in 2021

Future Meetings

Feb. 25, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café
Mar. 25, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café
Apr. 22, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café
May 27, 2021 7:00 Charley's Café

Upcoming Events

Lee-Jackson Day Parade Saturday 1/16/2021 From 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Contact Chris Burks 804-787-3983 to participate

Jan. 28 2021 Election of Officers
May 1, 2021 Heart of Virginia TBA
Mat 31, 2021 Memorial Day TBA