



THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN

IN MEMORY OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BOYS



Dedicated to the memory of the **Sergeant William Williston Heartsill** Company F 2nd Texas Cavalry, C.S.A

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
July 16th, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

**Program:
1st Lt. Commander Pete
Craig, Camp business and
Heritage Defense update**



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W. W. Heartsill

2024 Texas Division Awards: Distinguished Camp, Four Star Camp, Community Service Award, 100% Retention, Best Newsletter Award
2023 SCV, ATM Superior Camp Winner

Compatriots and my Brothers All:

As we wrap up another dues paying year I would like to ask you all to get your dues in before July 31st. I want all to remember we are a fraternal organization so if anyone needs help with paying your dues we are here to help as your fellowship is more important to us than just the money. We have accomplished a lot again over the year and our Camp and our members have received recognition for their service to our charge. Next week Owen Carroll, T J Henigan and I will be attending the 129th SCV National Reunion in Charleston, SC. This will be the 7th National Reunion I have attended, TJ's 6th and Owens's 2nd. I hope to bring back awards I submitted our Camp for as a reward for our hard work over the last year. It is an election year and we are looking forward to work with our new National Officers and we thank CinC Jason Boshier for his service from 2022 to 2024. 1st Lt. Commander Pete Craig will be conducting our next meeting and he wishes to have a Camp members discussion on our Camp's future goals and members input on what we might take on next. At our last meeting the Camp approved obtaining a 21st Century membership in name of W. W. Heartsill to help pay off the debt on our National Museum.

Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.



Camp Meeting June 18th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



Compatriot Robert Bailey and his wife Marilyn presented the program on how the flag of Company E., 17th Texas Cavalry ended up in the Museum and how they carried it to the restorer in West Virginia. The flag was donated by the 17th's Vets James Alexander and William H. Westmoreland of Elysian Fields.



Robert's copy of Co. E's Flag



W.P. Lane's Ranger's Reunion 1900



Compatriot Bailey's Flag display



Frank and Daryl discuss the 21st Century Hero Fund

Texas Division Merit Awards for our Camp members brought back from the Texas Reunion



Gold Star Award Tom Scarborough



Gold Star Award Daryl Ware



Gold Star Award Allen Land Bourne



Silver Star Award Owen Carroll



Bronze Star Award Robb McMahan



Bronze Star Award Randy Saxton

Our Camp submitted these Brothers for their dedication and service above and beyond to the activities and service projects conducted by our Camp over the last year. Compatriot TJ Henigan also received a Silver Award but was at baseball practice the night of our meeting. Our Camp also submitted Compatriot Albert Colvin for a Gold Award with a bronze star for all he has done for our Camp's projects even though his membership is with the Longview Camp.

Thanks for your service to our Camp!

Blast from the Past: TJ and mine travels to reunions.



2018 Franklin, TN.



2024 San Antonio



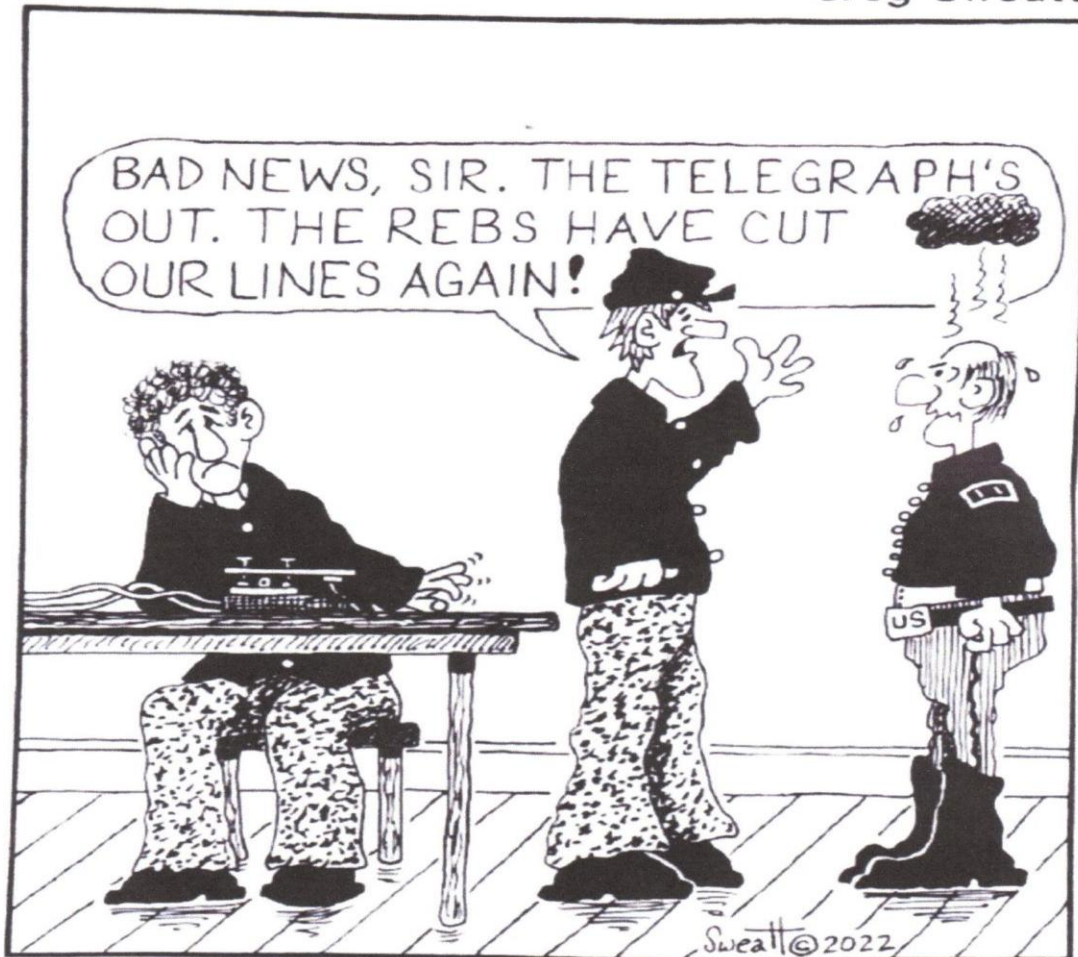
2018 as a New Cadet



2024 San Antonio

Co. A

Greg Sweatt



Modern Translation: The Internet's Down.

1862 and 2024

21st-Century Confederate Heroes

Retire Museum Bank Debt and Fund Forrest Plaza

Objective:

Raise funds sufficient to pay off the \$1.1 million bank note due July 2025 and fund completion of the Forrest Plaza.

Fund Raising Plan

For a donation of \$1,000.00¹ from 1,500 individuals, groups, or businesses the donor will be entered into the Sons of Confederate Veterans' *Book of 21st-Century Confederate Heroes* and receive the following special awards.

Awards for Donors

Those donating \$1,000.00 to the *21st-Century Confederate Heroes* debt retirement/Forrest Plaza fund will receive special recognition from the National Sons of Confederate Veterans consisting of:

1. Individuals and groups will be given a full page in one of three volumes of the SCV's *Book of 21st-Century Confederate Heroes*. The individual will provide information about the individual's ancestor, family, or any other topic the individual would like to memorialize.
 - a. Book to be published in three volumes of 500 pages each, with color photos—a limit of three photos per page,
 - b. Faux leather or other covering creating a "coffee table" or "display" book appearance,
 - c. Master copy of the three-volume set will be housed in the Museum,
 - d. All submissions are paid submissions—no "free" submissions for National or Division Officers. Example: An entry for a past CiC must be paid for by the individual or by someone on his behalf,
 - e. Each book is divided into sections,
 - i. Past and current National Officers—one page for each National Officer—organized alphabetically by donor's last name,
 - ii. Past and current Division Officers—divided by Division, one page for each Division Officer—organized alphabetically by donor's last name,
 - iii. SCV members—one page per member, organized alphabetically by last name. If a donor wishes to honor his Confederate ancestor—see iv below,
 - iv. Donor's Confederate ancestor(s), organized alphabetically by donor's last name,

¹ Donors should check with their tax accountant for possible tax exemption for their donation.

- v. Southern Heritage organizations—one page, organized alphabetically by organization's name,
 - vi. In Memory Of: For those wishing to dedicate a page to a loved one or friend who has crossed over the river—one page, organized alphabetically by donor's last name.
2. Each \$1,000.00 donor will receive a copy of the *Book of 21st-Century Confederate Heroes* containing their entry,
3. Individuals will receive a one-time-only, specially-designed, neck ribbon. The neck ribbon will be given to the donor when they make the initial payment with the understanding that it is National SCV property until full payment is completed,
4. Organizations (camp, division, or non-SCV organization) will receive a banner for their group's flag in lieu of a neck ribbon,
5. All donors will receive a certificate suitable for framing designating the individual or group as a "21st-Century Confederate Hero,"
6. Individuals and groups: a paver placed on the Heroes Walkway, with the donor's name, and his/her Confederate ancestor or individual he/she wishes to honor,
7. Individuals and groups may submit a PowerPoint slide with a photo and appropriate captions about their submission to be shown on large screen TV at the Museum,
 - a. Large screen TV will run a continuous loop displaying submitted PowerPoint slides,
 - b. If possible, the TV will be programmed to allow an individual to access and display for two minutes their PowerPoint slide submission (only one slide submission per donor),
 - c. Assistance is available for those who are not conversant with PowerPoint.
8. Lagniappe: The Lt. CiC will provide twelve, cotton, sewed, Forrest flags to be flown at the Forrest Plaza. Each month, after the dedication of the plaza, a drawing will be made from the list of the *21st-Century Confederate Heroes*, and the winner will receive the Forrest flag with appropriate provenance.

Walkway of 21st-Century Confederate Heroes

Both sides of the Walkway, from the Museum front entrance toward Elm Springs or Forrest Plaza, will be designated "Walkway of 21st Century Confederate Heroes." At each end of the Walkway, information about the Walkway will explain that it is in honor of individuals and organizations who contributed to retiring the \$1.1 million bank mortgage on the Museum and funding the restoration of the Forrest Plaza.

Large Screen TV

A large-screen TV will be set up at the entrance of the Museum. The TV shall be set up as soon as possible and show the slides received from those who have paid in full. New PowerPoint slides will be added as full payments are made and the donor provides his slide.

Target Audience

1. SCV members or Friends of the SCV,
2. SCV Camps: We currently have over 800 camps,
3. Division Officers past and current,
4. Past and current National SCV officers,
5. Individuals seeking to honor the memory of a loved one who has crossed the river,
6. Individuals seeking to honor their Confederate ancestor,
7. Businesses and professionals who wish to be recognized as a supporter of the Museum,
8. Southern Heritage organizations

Payment Methods

1. Donations may be paid in full or in part over an 18-month "easy payment" plan,²
 - a. Individual will set up a recurring account payable to *21st-Century Confederate Hero*, or
 - b. Make periodic payments via check or credit card,
2. Once complete payment is made, the donor will receive all his incentives,
3. Donations are non-refundable,
4. The C-i-C in consultation with the GEC shall determine if a requested donation comports with the SCV's Constitution, By-Laws, and the Charge.

Summary of Incentives

The following is a summary of what donors will receive for their \$1,000.00 donation:

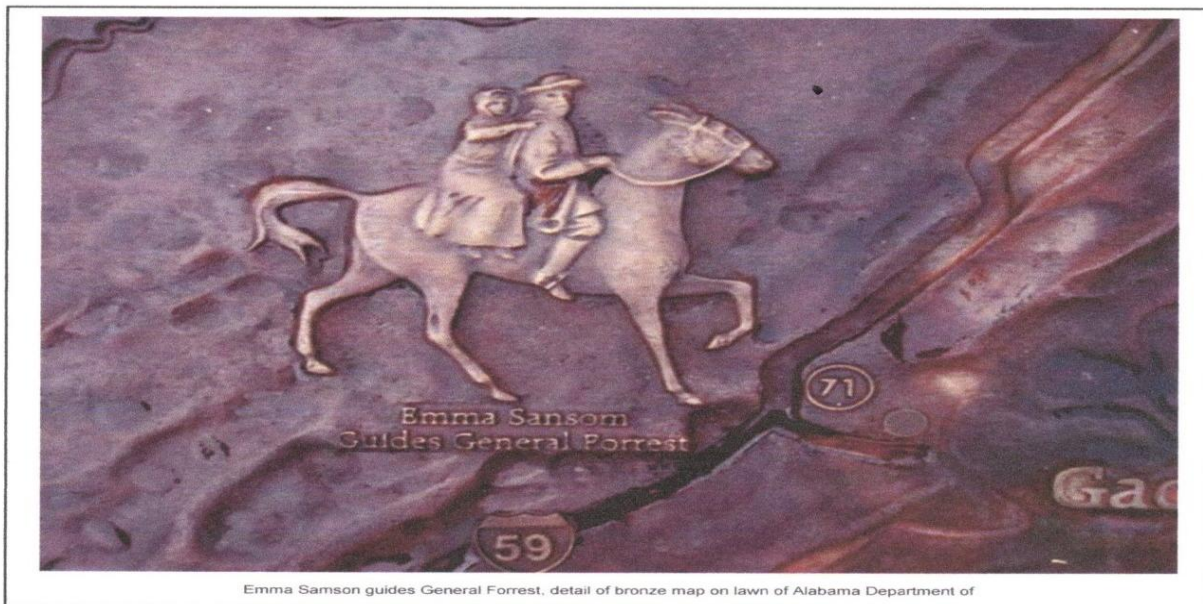
1. A full page in the book *21st-Century Confederate Hero* for donors who provide information regarding personal accomplishments, ancestors, or someone he wishes to memorialize,
2. A copy of the book containing the donor's submission,
3. Neck Ribbon for individual,

² Checks should be made payable to National SCV with a notation "21st Century Heroes" in the "memo" or "For" section of the check.

4. Paver to be placed on the Walkway of Confederate Heroes,
 5. Certificate designating individual as a "21st-Century Confederate Hero,"
 6. The individuals' submitted data, with the individual's permission, prominently displayed at the museum via a large-screen TV.
 7. An organization (camp, division, or non-SCV organization) will receive a streamer for their group's flag in lieu of a neck ribbon.
 8. All donors will be eligible to win one of the twelve Forrest flags flown the first year over the Forrest Plaza. Drawings for flags will be held each month of the year following the dedication of the restored Forrest Plaza.
- A plaque or other suitable device (such as a QR code linked to a Word document) etc. will be placed at the entrance or near the Forrest Plaza identifying those who donated to the rebuilding of the Forrest Plaza. This includes the *21st-Century Confederate Heroes* plus anyone or organizations that, before this fund-raising effort, donated \$1,000.00 or more for the restoration of the Forrest Plaza.
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Emma Sansom: A Very Brave 15-Year-Old

By Norman Dasinger, Jr., May 5, 2024 (originally published May 15, 2020)
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Emma Sanson guides General Forrest, detail of bronze map on lawn of Alabama Department of

In 1863, Emma Sansom and her family lived near Gadsden, Alabama. On the morning of May 2, almost 2,000 Union soldiers under the command of Col. Abel Streight arrived at the Sansom farm with the intent of crossing nearby Black Creek and moving into Gadsden. They had been on a mounted infantry raid all the way across Alabama since April 28. Their goal was to reach Rome, Georgia, and destroy military installations and parts of the railroad in or near that town.

Emma was small, slender, round faced, with auburn hair and dark blue eyes. Her family had moved to Gadsden in 1852 from Georgia. Her father was dead, but living in the house with Emma that day were her mother Levina, her sister Jennie, a neighbor girl Mary, and an enslaved girl, Fannie. Her brothers were serving in the Confederate Army.

Once the Yankees arrived, they began to search the house for food and guns. They demanded the girls give them some water and then posted a guard at the house. Soon, all the troopers made their way to a nearby bridge over Black Creek. This bridge was located approximately 200 yards from the Sansom home.

Pursuing Confederate cavalry commanded by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest shortly arrived. Forrest asked if there was an alternate crossing of Black Creek, since Streight had posted a guard and had partially burned the only bridge. Emma revealed the existence of a little-known cattle ford on their property. By utilizing this ford, Forrest could flank the Yankees at the bridge and threaten the bulk of their command then in Gadsden. Emma told General Forrest she would personally escort him to the site. Emma's mother was outraged and refused to give her permission. The general assured Levina that he would take care of her daughter and no harm would become her.



Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest | LOC



Emma Sansom | Alabama Department of

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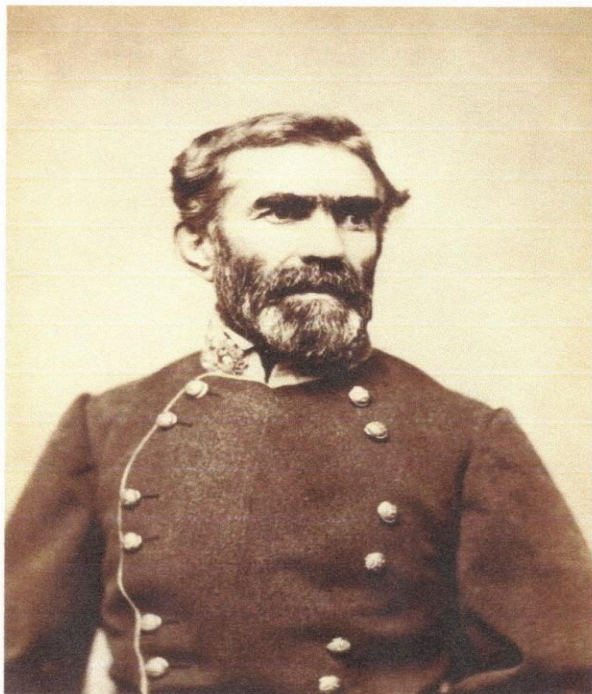
But all the time, young Emma had moved out of the house and into the yard to prepare to assist Forrest. She was going no matter what her mother said!

Emma fulfilled her mission, and the Confederates chased the Federal rear guard into Gadsden, and Streight and his command had to retreat quickly. Eventually, Forrest and 300 of his cavalry would capture all of Streight's nearly 2,000 men near Cedar Bluff, Alabama, the next day.

Emma would marry Christopher Johnson in 1864. She and her husband and their children moved to Texas in 1876. Emma died in 1900 and is buried in Upshur County, Texas.

A Missed Opportunity That Could Have Changed the Course of the Civil War

Jerry McAbee, January 19, 2024, blueandgrayeducation.org



Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg | LOC



Union Gen. William Rosecrans | LOC

One of the Confederates' best chances for changing the course of the war was squandered on September 10 and 11, 1863. Civil War historians often overlook the blundered opportunity at McLemore's Cove (or Davis's Crossroads), near Lafayette, Georgia, as a pivotal event in America's bloodiest and most destructive war.

After falling back from Middle Tennessee to Chattanooga in the summer of 1863, Confederate general Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee watched and waited as Union general William Rosecrans's Army of the Cumberland drew reins along the Tennessee River and fixed sights on Chattanooga and Bragg's army.

Before crossing the river, Rosecrans ordered an attack along a 45-mile front, dividing his army in the uncharted mountains, deep valleys, and dense forests of Northeast Alabama and Northwest Georgia. He sent one corps to threaten Chattanooga from the north; a second corps to cross Lookout Mountain 20 miles farther south near Trenton, Georgia; and a third army corps and the cavalry corps to cross Lookout Mountain 25 miles farther south near Valley Head, Alabama. Without his cavalry nearby, Rosecrans was blind to his front. Worse, given the distances and terrain, he was unable to communicate quickly and effectively with his widely separated forces.

On September 8, Bragg evacuated Chattanooga and fell back to Lafayette, Georgia. Rosecrans, lacking cavalry reports, believed the Confederate army was falling back toward Atlanta. On September 9, James Negley's Federal division of George Thomas's corps descended the eastern slope of Lookout Mountain and entered the cul-de-sac of McLemore's Cove, pushing to within 5 to 6 miles of Lafayette, unaware of the Rebels. The closest Federal division was a day's march behind him, still on the west side of Lookout Mountain.

Bragg was quick to grasp the opportunity presented him. With his entire army consolidated within striking distance, he could fall on Negley and then destroy the next Federal division as it came up in support. With the rest of Rosecrans's army widely separated, Bragg could in turn destroy one corps and then another as they moved forward or tried to retreat.

He immediately ordered Thomas Hindman's and Patrick Cleburne's divisions to strike Negley's front and exposed flank on September 10. Hindman moved to his attack position but waited. Cleburne failed to move. The day passed without a shot being fired. Bragg ordered two additional divisions to reinforce Hindman for an early morning attack on September 11. Four Confederate divisions were in place to attack an isolated and vulnerable Federal division at first light but inexplicably failed to do so until almost 4 p.m., allowing Negley time to withdraw to the safety of his supports. A breakdown of good order and discipline at the most senior echelons of Confederate command had wasted one of the greatest opportunities of the war.

The destruction of the Army of the Cumberland would have altered the course of the war in the West and possibly the East. It would almost certainly have prevented the capture of Atlanta the following year, and arguably helped the "Peace Party" defeat Abraham Lincoln for president in 1864.

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In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

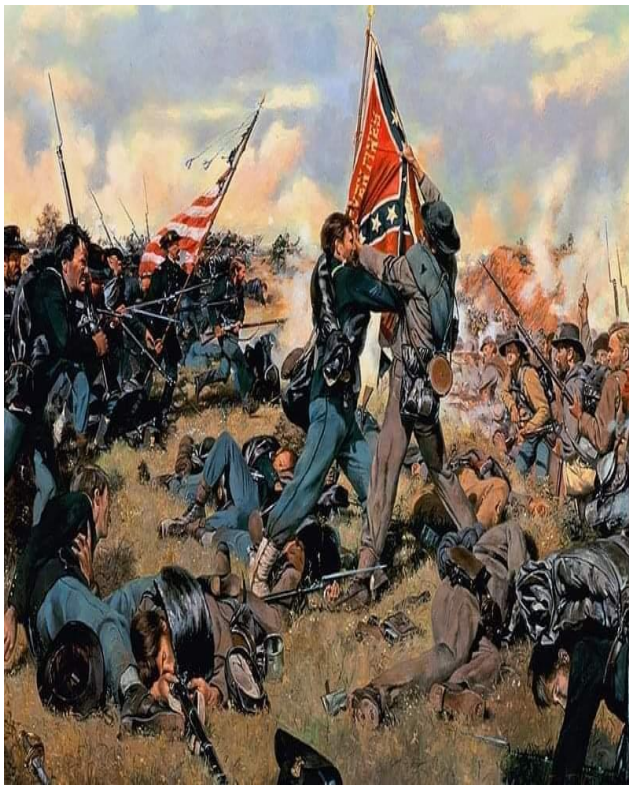
- 2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers” Captain Sam J. Richardson
- 3rd Texas Cavalry Co A “The Texas Hunters” Captain T. W. Winston
- 1st Texas Infantry Co. E “The Marshall Guards” Captain F. S. Bass
- 7th Texas Infantry Co. D “Bass Greys” Captain K M Van Zandt
- 7th Texas Infantry Co. H “Texas Invincibles” Captain W. B. Hill
- 17th Texas Cavalry Co. E “Hendricks Company” Captain S. B. Hendricks
- 17th Texas Cavalry Co. K “Clough Rangers” Captain Gil McKay
- 14th Texas Infantry Co. B “Clough and Hill Avengers” Captain W. L. Pickens
- 14th Texas Infantry Co A. “Marshall Mechanics” Captain N. S. Allen
- 14th Texas Infantry Co. H “Cypress Tigers” Captain John Miller
- 28th Texas Cavalry Co. F “Harrison County Lancers” Captain Phil Brown
- 1st Cavalry Regiment Partisans Rangers Captain Hec McKay





129th SCV National Reunion
July 16th-22nd. North Charleston, SC.

We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund, newsletter fund and 21st Century Confederate program.



**Keep up the fight for our Flag.
It is the flag of our ancestors, the flag of our fore fathers. It is for our descendants.**

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How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet Membership.