

The Louisiana True Delta

Newsletter of the Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Second Quarter — 2020

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hope that during these unsettling times you and those that you care about are healthy. Our SCV community, like everyone else, has experienced losses. Please keep all who have suffered personal loss in your prayers.



I had composed earlier drafts for use in this

edition, but we postponed issuing this True Delta a couple of times in an attempt to disclose an accurate announcement for the Division Reunion. As governmental guidelines twice affected our reunion date, the world around us kept evolving. And not necessarily for the better. My intended lead-off sentence was, "April was a Confederate History Month like we have never seen. Due to health concerns and government mandates, practically all of our normal gatherings to celebrate our Confederate heritage were cancelled or postponed." That can now be updated to include May and June. I will still include, "I commend all of those who made an effort, during this trying time, to pay tribute to the memory of those who honorably wore, or supported our men in, gray."

How the "alleged" murder of a black man by a Yankee law officer in Minnesota (May 25, 2020), has practically brought about the demise of our Confederate Heritage is beyond me. Chaos reigns. This is supposed to be a time of inclusion, of diversity, of compassion, of forgiveness, of love, and of second chances for all. But not for us. The descendants of Confederate veterans are most certainly excluded. If the thunderstorm started by that murderous little coward Dylan Roof in Charleston (June 17, 2015) opened up some of the floodgates for the assault of anything Confederate, this recent killing of George Floyd has totally washed away the dam. And not just for everything Confederate. Anybody associated with any "perceived" slight to the black race is "toast." Of course there is no mention of the African involvement in the slave trade, or black slave owners in America (including Louisiana). We are up to our necks in it, but we must continue to work hard. I am again reminded of

what Ben Jones (Actor < Cooter from Dukes of Hazzard">, Politician & devoted SCV member) once famously said at a National Reunion, "We will fight until Hell freezes over. And then we will fight them on the ice."

The Division Executive Council urges camps to monitor potential threats to our Confederate statues and monuments. Please contact your camp or brigade commanders, or any member of the DEC to report local anti-Confederate activity. Contact your police jury or city council members and attend their meetings to make your voice heard. Remember: Do not put our behind-the-scenes-business in the public eye. Never be confrontational and never consider any type of violent action. Be aware of your surroundings, and keep yourself safe.

Getting back to COVID-19), as governmental restrictions are finally being relaxed, please continue to assess what is right for you and the members of your household. Wear a mask & gloves if the circumstance requires it, social distance, disinfect where needed, and wash your hands. If you are sick, see a doctor. If you have come in contact with someone who is ill, stay home and/or get tested, and self-quarantine. [I know about this first hand!] I urge anyone who is at high-risk (due to age, medical issues, etc.) to take appropriate measures.

As you all know our Division Reunion was postponed once and ultimately cancelled. We have replaced it with a Special Convention on August 15 at Fort Randolph State Historic Site in Pineville. See our notice for Special Convention.

The plans for the National SCV Reunion remain unchanged (July 15-18 at the Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, Florida. See: www.scv2020reunion.com

As my term draws to a close, I wish to thank all of you who continue to work towards forwarding the colors. God bless each and every one of you.

DEO VINDICE!

Randy Jarreau, Commander Louisiana Division



entlemen, in this time and age of "social" distancing let us not forget what it means to be social after all of this "stay at home" is over. We as individual camps get together once a month for our meetings. There are times and places where we, as members of the SCV, have opportunities to get out and socialize. Other camp's meetings, our State Reunion, Fall Assembly, Lee-Jackson Banquets, Confederate Memorial Day, our flag runs, parades, National Reunion; the list goes on and on. Visit our museums, our battle parks, our State Parks. There are Confederate monuments across the South one can see. While on these trips take time to stop by a local graveyard to pay respect to any of our forefathers who may be interred there (I carry grave flags with me for this purpose, don't leave home without them). Main thing is to get out, enjoy, and support our Confederate Heritage.



George D. Gremillion 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Louisiana Division, SCV.





Gremillion Visits California SCV

California Division Commander Robert Johnson presents Louisiana Division 2nd Lt. Commander George Gremillion with a token of appreciation for addressing their 26th annual Reconfederation held in Bakersfield, CA.





IT IS TIME...

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 7, 8

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Exodus 14:15

Gentlemen and Brothers,

his devotional is not going to be a "feel good, joy and peace" kind of article. I am speaking what God has laid on my heart.

I know that most of you are prayer warriors and prayer is needed, not only for the enemies of our faith and heritage but for the wanton destruction of our sacred monuments.

But the time has come for us to get off our collective butts and get moving. Exodus 14:15 tells the story when God's people had their backs to the Red Sea and facing a host of Egyptian soldiers bent on destroying them. They felt trapped and began praying. But God chastised Moses and told him stop praying and get His people to move.

There is a time for prayer, but there comes a time when action is essential. Our Louisiana monuments are not the responsibility of the National HQ nor our Commander-in-Chief nor our GEC. It is OUR responsibility from Division to Brigades to Camps and ultimately to us as individuals. We have taken an oath to defend our ancestors and the principles they stood for.

It is time to act. It is not a call for violence. Violence would only drag us down to the level of our antagonists. We do not want that. Our Charge says, "Defense of the Confederate Soldier's name". Our enemies have no rules, but we will abide by the rules. We must think smarter and act smarter. But first we must commit to action. We are responsible and we must

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." – Edmund Burke.

Donald Kimbell, Chaplain



THE CAVALRY CORNER

STAND TALL IN THE SADDLE

t all starts with one person. One person willing to put boots on the ground.



Sometimes you are alone. But you stand up regardless because of the traditions and values you were taught.

There's sacrifice. Nothing ever accomplished comes easy. Doesn't matter the odds or the numbers you face because in the end you have to live with yourself and answer to the Creator above.

You step up not out of personal gain but as an example to your children of how a man should be. It does not matter what others do... only what you do. You can turn your back and take the easy way or you can stand tall... taking inspiration from your ancestors whose blood toils in Southern soil.

The choice is yours... fight or flee.

I can speak for no man other than myself. But I will stand alone in my boots against 10,000 than sell my soul to the darkness.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is more than one person or a position. It is an ideal. And it is an ideal that I will continue to stand for... even if I stand alone.

Deo Vindice!

Lt. Brian "Vex" McClure, Executive Officer, LA SCVMC

Proposed Amendments to the Louisiana Division Constitution

Proposed Amendment #1

Article VIII, Section 11 states that "one or more Camps shall be designated to host/co-host the Division Convention"

The new wording will state that "one or more Camps, the Louisiana Division or a subsidiary of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) that is bound by its Constitution and membership rules shall be designated to host/co-host the Division Convention"

Furthermore, for the remainder of Section 11 it will be understood that any reference to "Camp(s)" also includes said subsidiaries aforementioned.

The purpose of this amendment is to hopefully broaden the scope of members who are eligible to host the Louisiana Division Convention. As it is now, it is difficult some years to find a willing Camp(s) to step up and host. Best case this amendment will open the door to more participation.

Submitted by:

Thomas E. Taylor, Sr.

Past Commander, Louisiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Commander, Captain Thomas O. Benton camp 1444



Proposed Amendment #2

Proposed by Bobby G. Herring

Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp #1308

June 22, 2020

Purpose: During the past 3 months we have all become aware of how much our daily lives can be affected in a time of national crisis. Things that we have come to take for granted, like going to work, grocery shopping, going to a restaurant or movie, and even our fundamental right to worship God in our churches, have suddenly come to a halt.

The crisis has had no less of an effect on the Louisiana Division. Our Constitution requires us to have an annual

Convention in May or June each year and hold elections during the Conventions held in even years. It also explicitly states that ALL members of the Division are allowed to attend the Convention. Due to state government mandates we were forced to postpone our annual Convention scheduled for May and rescheduled it for June. It became apparent in June that we would have to postpone our Convention until August and will have to limit attendance.

Through no fault of our making, we were now in conflict with the Constitution. After searching the Constitution for alternatives, it was decided that we would meet in special Convention in August. We are compelled to hold our officer elections at that special Convention, although it is not constitutional. We are forced to limit attendance at the special Convention, which is not constitutional. Our officers will not be taking their offices at the end of the SCV General Convention as required by the Constitution, and if our special Convention ends up being completely cancelled we have no constitutional defined way to conduct officer elections.

None of this is meant to be critical of any steps the Division has taken. As part of Commander Jarreau's team to find solutions during this crisis, I know how difficult it has been on him to make sure we do things right, and I commend him on every decision he has made. As we came to each hurdle, we talked about how we need to fix these things in the Constitution for the people who come after us. After reviewing my notes, it became clear to me that trying to fix each individual potential conflict in the Constitution would just clutter it up, trying to fix problems that may only happen once or twice in a lifetime.

My solution was to create an entirely separate Article that can only come into play in time of crisis or a natural disaster. It would take a super majority of 10 DEC votes to invoke this article, which helps to protect us from someone or a group trying to use it to circumvent our regular process. It is basically dormant and affects no other part of the Constitution unless a crisis arises.

More importantly it allows the following things that are not now constitutional. It would allow us to postpone a Convention past June. It would allow for officer installations to take place later than the SCV Convention and would allow for the Division to create an alternate election process if the Convention must be completely canceled or pushed back too far. It would allow us to limit Convention attendance if mandated. And finally, it would allow us to cancel Fall Assembly if necessary.

This amendment would be inserted in the Constitution as Article XII and allow for the changing of the current Article XII, regarding Dissolution, to be renamed Article XIII.

ARTICLE XII: EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES or FORCE MAJEURE

Section 1. This Article is to allow for the operation of the Division during a time of national or regional crisis that prevents the Division from executing this Constitution's guidelines for the Annual Convention, Officer Elections, or Fall Assembly. This includes natural disasters, pandemics, riots, war, acts of terrorism, civil or military authority, or any other unforeseen event that would prohibit the execution of this Constitution's guidelines. Article XII shall only be invoked during a time of extraordinary circumstances and shall require a vote of 10 of the 13 DEC members described in Article VII Section 1. No subsequent section of this article shall apply without an affirmative vote to first invoke Article XII.

Section 2. Annual Convention - This section empowers the DEC by a simple majority vote to postpone the Annual Convention to a date later than the June date described in Article VIII Section 1. All due diligence shall be made to hold the Convention as soon as practicable. The DEC may determine that events will prohibit the holding of a central Convention and use the current technology available to conduct a virtual convention. The DEC may ultimately decide to cancel a Convention and determine alternate ways to conduct any vital Division business.

Section 3. Annual Convention Attendance - If the circumstances of the crisis demand, the DEC, by a simple majority vote, may limit the attendance for the Convention to a number they determine practicable or that government edicts allow. Any limits on attendance must allow for each Camp to be equally or proportionally represented. Limits on attendance shall not apply to the DEC or Division Staff, or Past Commanders, and attendance by these members shall not count towards a Camp's attendance limit.

Section 4. Officer Elections and Installations - This section allows for the DEC by a simple majority vote to devise a process to conduct Special Elections by mail, email, or any current technology that guards the integrity of the election and gives equal access to all Camps. Elections must take place no later than August 31st of an election year regardless of a postponed Convention date. The voting must be based on Camp delegate strength as described in Article IX Section 1. Results of the election must be reviewed and certified as official within one (1) week of the election by 10 of

the 13 voting DEC members described in Article VII Section 1. Officers elected by a Special Election will assume their duties at the conclusion of the SCV General Convention as described in Article IX Section 1, unless the election has been postponed to a date later than the SCV General Convention in which case the Officers will assume their duties at the conclusion of the postponed Division Convention. In the event that the postponed Division Convention takes place after August 31st of the election year the officers will assume their duties immediately after the official announcement of the election results.

Section 5. Fall Assembly - This section empowers the DEC by a simple majority vote to postpone or cancel Fall

Assembly. All efforts must be made to facilitate the holding of the Annual Convention to the extent that it may take place during the fall, making Fall Assembly unnecessary.

Section 6. Recognizing that this Article XII of the Constitution is a guide to operate during chaotic, extraordinary, or unforeseen conditions, the DEC is empowered to change the terms of Sections 2 through 5 of this Article as may be needed for the Division to function, or survive and prosper. Invoking this Section 6 shall require a vote by 10 of the 13 DEC members as described in Article VII Section 1.



Proposed Amendment #3

Current Language:

ARTICLE VIII: DIVISION CONVENTION

Section 1. The legislative body of the Louisiana Division shall be the Division Convention which shall be held annually on a weekend in the month of May or June at a place and time to be announced by the Division Commander.

Amended language to be added to the end of this paragraph.

However, if emergency or critical circumstances prevent the Division from holding it's convention in accordance with the rules, the Division Executive Council may vote to cancel the convention. They may then set a new date and place in accordance with the rules pertaining to special conventions. Article VIII Sections 2 and 3.

Charles E McMichael

Lt Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308

LOUISIANA DIVISION SPECIAL CONVENTION – 08/15/2020



Compatriots:

There will be a Special Convention of the Louisiana Division on **Saturday August 15, 2020**, at Fort Randolph State Historic Site [135 Riverfront Street, Pineville, Louisiana 71360].

Credentials certification will begin at **9:00 a.m.**, with the convention to follow immediately after.

Due to restrictions related to COVID-19, we are forced to break from our usual open format. Thus attendance is limited to the following participants:

Members of the Division Executive Council (DEC)

One Camp Delegate (to be selected by the Camp) In order to hold down the numbers, we suggest that any camp with one or more members on the DEC consider allowing a DEC member to act as the camp delegate. [This is only a suggestion.]

Candidates (formally announced prior to the convention and any others who are to receive a nomination from the floor) Invited Essential Division Staff

Primary business to be addressed will be Elections (Division Officers, specifically Commander, First Lt. Commander and Second Lt. Commander, as well as the four Brigade Commanders) and any Constitutional Amendments.

Additional general business will be conducted.

Each camp must present a completed credentials form to the Credentials Committee, in order to participate in the convention. This credentials process will document the official camp delegate and will ascertain the number of votes each camp is entitled to. [A new credentials form is posted on the Louisiana Division website.]

The General Leroy Stafford Camp will provide food to any who want to partake. Please RSVP. [Tentative Menu: Beef tips, rice & gravy, lima beans, corn, bread & cake.]

Your Obedient Servant,

Randy Jarreau, Commander





Louisiana division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2020 Division Reunion

This completed form shall be presented to the Credentials Committee upon registering at the Louisiana Division Reunion (special convention) in Pineville, La August 2020.

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Camp Commander/ Camp Ad	jutant (must be signed by	y at least one of these)	
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Important Notices Regarding Upcoming Division Dues from the Division Adjutant

For All Members

The Louisiana Division has decided to continue with the Membership Renewal System (MRS) that we have used for the past 9 years. We are in the process of getting the information to the printer, and they should begin being mailed by the first week of July. Please help



your Camp Adjutant by making sure you return the correct portion of the MRS (the top is for you to keep and the bottom is to be returned with your dues) and make sure the Camp address in in the envelope window. Please remember that you need to send your dues to your camp no later than August 31st or they will be considered past due and you will need to enclose an additional \$5 fee for being late.

For Camp Adjutants and Officers

Due to the fact that we have had to postpone our annual Convention twice (so far) we have a bit of a dilemma because we have not elected officers yet. I will no longer be the Division Adjutant so Division Dues for the upcoming year (2020-2021) should not be sent to me. I will of course, be accepting any dues or other money for the current year but it is not likely there will be any this late in the year.

I fully expect that Roy Austin of the Camp Moore Camp will be our new Division Adjutant, in fact we are already beginning the transition process, but it is not official or definite until we have our new officer elections at our August Special Convention. With this in mind, I ask that any Division Dues for the upcoming year be held by the Camps until our August Convention is completed. You should, of course, make sure you pay your National Dues on time. Once Roy is officially named Division Adjutant the new address for the Division will be:

Louisiana Division SCV
Roy Austin, Division Adjutant
PO Box 32
Tangipahoa, LA. 70465

I believe Roy Austin is going to make an excellent Division Adjutant, but there are some things you can do to help make him successful and make his job easier. When you send in your Camp's Division dues make sure you include the Dues Transmittal Form that itemizes your dues and Optional Giving money. The form is located on our Division website at:

<u>www.lascv.com/News-Forms.html</u> . The direct link to the form is <u>www.lascv.com/files/mrs21.pdf</u> , but it may not be active until mid-July.

You must also tell Roy exactly which members you are paying for. A list with the names, or a roster with the names you are paying for highlighted, will both work well. You should NEVER send in dues for any members without telling him exactly which members you are paying for.

One last thing. Your Camp representative at the upcoming Special Convention in Pineville will need to have his Credential Form with him already filled out and signed by the Camp Commander and Adjutant. This form is also located on our Division website at www.lascv.com/News-Forms.html

Bobby G. Herring
Louisiana Division Adjutant
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The South's Defenders Memorial Monument in Lake Charles

he Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 is working tirelessly to once again save the South's Defenders Memorial Monument in Lake Charles. They are planning to reply to our detractors' full-page ad in their local paper, with one of their own - at considerable cost. They are printing several hundred postcards to distribute for mailing in to the police jury. Other plans are in the mix. Please consider assisting to help defray the costs by making contributions to the Camp, as follows: Make checks out to Bryan Camp 1390 and mail to:

Luke Dartez, Adjutant 908 Henning Road Sulphur, LA 70665





The National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

he General Executive Council (GEC) in July 2009 authorized the creation of a new Sesquicentennial Society which provided for the beginning of fund raising efforts to enable the Sons of Confederate Veterans to construct a new building on the grounds of Elm Springs which will provide office space for our employees but more importantly house The Confederate Museum.



independence that began nearly 150 years ago, and it will be dedicated to fine men who served the Confederate armed forces. It will ensure visitors understand the real causes for which these men were willing to leave their homes and families, then to suffer deprivation of adequate food, clothing, shelter, and often inferior weapons and a lack of sufficient ammunition.



This new museum will tell the true history of the South in its struggle for Please help your Compatriots in the SCV in this effort to build this new museum where the message will be the truth about the War Between the States, the historic circumstances leading up to hostilities, and the events that occurred immediately after the war ended.

You may rest assured that the Confederate Museum will never fall victim to revisionist history and what is expedient and politically correct. Donations can be given at https://scv.org/paypal-donations/

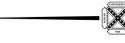
Preserving Our Louisiana History: Confederate Memorial Hall

onfederate Memorial Hall is a museum located in New Orleans, Louisiana containing historical artifacts related to the Confederate States of America and the American Civil War. It is historically also known as "Memorial Hall". It houses the second largest collection of Confederate Civil War items in the world. The museum is also known as Louisiana's Civil War Museum at Confederate Memorial Hall.

The museum's building is known as the "Battle Abbey of the South" due to its elaborate stained glass windows and distinctive church-like architecture. It is the oldest continually active museum in Louisiana.



Donations can be given and memberships obtained for Confederate Memorial Hall through their website: https://confederatemuseum.com/





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www.MakeDixieGreatAgain.org P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402 800-My-Dixie (800-693-4943)

Membership & Donation Form

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JOIN THE CONFEDERATE LEGION! MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGION SUPPORTS THE SOUTHERN VICTORY CAMPAIGN

Dues and donations are used almost exclusively for a twoprong counter-attack that we call the Southern Victory Campaign. It's led by the Heritage operations Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Objectives include:

- Rebuilding public support for the same principles of liberty that America's founding fathers believed in.
- Rebuilding respect for the Confederate States of America that preferred to leave the Union rather than abandon the principles of liberty as the Northern states were doing under Leftist influences of the day.

Products, tools and services supporting the Southern Victory Campaign are being deployed on MakeDixieGreatAgain.com

Direct action by the SCV is one prong of the offensive. The second prong includes you and your organization.

It's not necessary to be a member or camp of the SCV to participate in the campaign.

We depend on God and you for the victory we seek.

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