



# *The Louisiana True Delta*

*Newsletter of the Louisiana Division,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Second Quarter – April 2013*

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**Louisiana Division Reunion to be held June 14-15, 2013**  
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## **Division Commander's Report**



There is an internet joke making the rounds whose moral is worth our thinking about. The joke goes that a certain president of the FUS (Forcibly United States) dies and goes to heaven and is looking for Mohammed. He meets in succession St. Peter, Moses, and Jesus each one at a higher level of heaven and each one telling him that Mohammed is 'still higher.' Exhausted, the president makes it to the highest level, the throne room of God. Here he also inquires for Mohammed. God, seeing the president is quite tired, asks the president if he would like some coffee and the president says yes. At this point God calls on his housekeeper, Mohammed, to "bring two coffees." The moral being never lose hope. For the president, it was anticipation of finding Mohammed; for the reader of the joke, it was "keep the faith" - Mohammed is not really above St. Peter, Moses, or Jesus. We, too, in our day need to keep the faith ... not a false faith ... like the president in the joke ... but a true faith. We need to realize that President Davis was spot on when he said that the principles for which the confederate soldier fought would reassert themselves and that losing the war did not negate their validity. Look about you today ... see that president Davis' prophesy is coming to pass. This very week, as I write this there have been more legislative acts and threats of nullification than ever before (at least since 1861.)

Many of us were at the sesquicentennial event at Beauvoir on a beautiful Gulf coast Saturday, where speaker after speaker called our attention to the symbolism of the President's home surviving where all else on the whole coast was destroyed. In fact, we gathered for the march to Beauvoir where once the "President Casino" had been moored ... it like everything else around Beauvoir was swept away ... only Beauvoir was left standing. All the money spent on and passing through the great casino could not stop the waters which swept against it. The hatred and intolerance directed against our ancestors - as powerful as it seems to us - will be swept away and only the work of your ancestor in gray will remain. So today, think about what you can do to help preserve our heritage. We are approaching that time of year, April, which we celebrate as Confederate History Month ... do your part.

Ted Brode  
Louisiana Division Commander



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Report -

Greetings!

I hope you are well and are gearing up for an exciting spring season of recruiting new compatriots and participating in events all over the Louisiana Division.

Some of you may be aware that I receive notices from International Headquarters of all online SCV membership application downloads. I then forward the contact information of these potential new recruits to your brigade commanders who then send the information to the appropriate camp officers. I encourage all camp recruitment officers

to use this information to initiate contact with all potential new recruits so that we may achieve our goal of doubling our membership.

Please make plans to attend as many SCV events as you can this spring. You will have many from which to choose. Get out and get active! We need you!

Finally, begin asking your local government officials to pass resolutions recognizing the month of April as Confederate History Month. If you are successful, make sure you have media coverage of your effort. We must continue to place our heritage in the eyes of the public if we are to vindicate our Cause.

Deo Vindice!

Kevin Adkins

1st Lt. Commander, Louisiana Division



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander's Report –

### We Are the Flag

Recently the Highland Parade Committee in Shreveport decided they did not want to see a Confederate Flag in their parade. As I understand the circumstances, we, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, were welcome. However, we were asked to leave our Flags at the house. It would seem that ignorance with a dash of prejudice was served up in this event. Each and every Compatriot should consider their request an insult.

What “those people” don’t understand is that **we are the flag**. It is sacred cloth. It is stained with noble blood, the blood of our ancestors.

How many of our Confederate Soldiers gave their lives simply for the honor of carrying that Flag into battle? How many color bearers perished forwarding the flag? How many men saw their colors fall then rush to take it up, only to be shot down? There are repeated instances of mortally wounded soldiers desperately trying to hold the colors aloft until death relaxed their

stubborn hold. The Flag was the focal point of every aspect of the war. It represented companies, regiments, officers. Each and every flag, every color, every standard was carried with pride. In the line of battle, it was a target.....and so it is today.

We are constantly in a “line of battle” and the focus is on our Flag. There are groups trying to eradicate it and the glorious history which it represents. There are despicable clans violating our Flag by using it as a symbol of hate. (Damn Them!!). We see our flag “adorned” with deer antlers, sports fish, bikini clad women and all sorts of icons and symbols ranging from distasteful to ridiculous.

Thankfully today we don’t face minie balls, mortar and grape-shot. But we are bombarded by ignorance, prejudice and apathy.....the worst being apathy...Southerners who have betrayed their heritage by adopting Yankee lies.

Our ammunition is truth and determination. And like our ancestors, we are outnumbered. That never stopped them and it must not stop us.

“Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't going away.”

— [Elvis Presley](#)

May we never falter in forwarding the colors and the truth.

Donald Kimbell

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander



### Chaplain’s Message

Compatriots,

Remember that I put out a request for help in dedicating a Confederate marker for Pvt. Thomas Mahlon Morgan, Co B, 31st Louisiana Infantry, with just one week’s notice, for the Saturday after Thanksgiving and how many of you came from all over the State. Sam Ross was in hospice care at the time and I must report that he passed away on January 9, 2013. He now rests next to his Confederate ancestor.

Sorry to be so slow in getting this info out but I have spent 13 days of the holiday season in an Albuquerque hospital or a Natchitoches one.

I thank all of you for your calls and prayers

*Robert E. Porter*

*Adjutant~Col Samuel D. Russell Camp #1617~Natchitoches, La*

*Louisiana Division Chaplain*

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# Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Louisiana  
Division**



**2013  
*Reunion***

**Ruston, Louisiana**

**June 14 & 15, 2013**

## **Lodging Information**

**Room rates for Friday and Saturday are \$77.00 per night (that includes Single Kings & Queens and Double Queens) price per suite is \$87.00 per night and that includes (Double Queen suites and King suites). All suites have a sleeper sofa as well as a micro-frig in each room.**

**The cut-off date for reservations is June 7, 2013. We have blocked off 30 rooms per night and once these rooms are gone, additional rooms will be on an as available basis. This hotel is a very new hotel in Ruston and the rooms are VERY nice. The staff is looking forward to our visit.**



**Sleep Inn & Suites**

**106 South Service Rd. East**

**Ruston, LA 71270**

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Louisiana Division

2013 Reunion

June 14 & 15, 2013

Lincoln Parish Library

Events Center

910 N. Trenton Ave.

Ruston, LA 71270



### Reunion Registration Form

Your Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Office You Hold: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Home (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Other (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names: for badges  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: \$15.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch/Memorial Service will be at a location to be announced at a later date.

**Saturday evening Banquet and Antebellum Ball (\$30.00 per person or \$50.00 Couple)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet shall consist of: Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp, Fried Chicken, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad

Baked Beans, Banana Pudding, Tea and Water. This price also includes the ball. **Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please send your check or money order to:

*LA Division SCV Reunion*

*2102 W. California Ave.*

*Ruston, LA 71270*



**Louisiana Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
2013 Division Reunion**

This completed form shall be presented to the Credentials Committee upon registering at the Louisiana Division Reunion in Ruston on June 15, 2013.

To the Credentials Committee, the following members are hereby delegated to represent  
Camp No. \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman and Delegates must be listed individually:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Camp Commander/ Camp Adjutant (must be signed by at least one of these)  
The Credentials Committee will ascribe the individually named delegates and ascertain the number of votes entitled, indicating hereon, detach and return to the delegation Chairman.

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Camp \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ is properly registered and  
entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ delegated votes at the Division Reunion in Ruston on June 15, 2013

Delegates Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Credentials Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mouton Camp of Opelousas and the Historic Mouton House in Lafayette will be hosting the **Annual Living History Day at the Mouton House on Saturday, May 4th from 10-4**. Living historians are needed to assist in setting up displays for guests to see throughout the day. Anyone who has a special presentation or display is encouraged to contact me. Morning coffee and light breakfast snacks as well as lunch are served to historians who participate.

The member of the Mouton House are always excited to have us in this fantastic setting in the house resided in by former Louisiana Governor and President of the Louisiana Secession Convention, Alexandre Mouton. Please contact Adjutant Charles Lauret at [patriot1861@yahoo.com](mailto:patriot1861@yahoo.com) or call 337-945-3163. Thanks in advance for your support of this annual event.



Members of the Mouton Camp at their Lee-Jackson Banquet. It was held at Ruby's in Eunice on January 19, 2013.





Registrar of the Alfred Mouton Chapter, UDC, Lafayette, Evelyn Lalonde with Jefferson Davis Camp 474 (Lafayette) Commander Al Bethard, Richard Taylor Camp 1308 (Shreveport) Commander David Hill, Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133 (Baton Rouge) and Division Adjutant Bobby Herring Taylor Camp 1308

Charles Lauret presents guest speaker David Hill Past Louisiana Division Commander, with a gift.



Southeast Brigade Commander Comments~

I would like to begin by apologizing for the late start; my job has kept me in the far North for most of the past couple of months. If something could have gone wrong, it did. Everything from rigs running aground to boats smashing into one another. You name it and it has probably happened within the past couple of months. This has been an eventful year already and it's only February! My equipment should be heading to Asia in the next couple of weeks for repairs. When that happens, I hope I can finally take a breath and get back to doing what I want to do with the Southeast Brigade. With that being said, I am writing this from my office in Anchorage with the hopes of being home for about 3 weeks beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>. I regret not being able to attend the many events that I was invited to across the brigade and division. According to what I have been reading, these events were all very successful. I would like to say thank you to the camps that organized those events.

I have been getting several potential new member applications from around the brigade and will be responding to each one. I will provide the potential members with contact information for the closest camp in their area in hopes to grow the ranks and add new blood to the Division. Please continue to send me emails and notices of all camp activities and I will try to reply and try to be in attendance to as many as I can while making a good representation of the Southeast Brigade and Louisiana Division.

George Gottschalk ~ Southeast Brigade Commander

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Compatriots of the Louisiana Division,

I would like to visit your camp. I do not have to do a program but I do like to do them. I do not require a huge crowd nor is any money involved. Below is a list of programs that I have done at one time or another. All the stated times can be altered to meet your needs.

- Black Confederates (PowerPoint) - @30 - 40 min
- Christmas Candle Ceremony for ancestors @30 minutes counting/depending upon participants
- Christmas - In the Confederate Whitehouse - @ 40 min - can include candle ceremony
- Christmas - Your Ancestor's - @ 45 min - can include candle ceremony
- Myths of the Constitution of the Confederate States - @ 40 minutes
- The Ration - your ancestor's military diet - Ask about samples- @40 minutes
- The Rebel Yell - lecture and audio - @ 40 minutes- revised
- Overview of the Red River Campaign in Louisiana (PowerPoint) - @40 min
- The Slave Narratives - @50 min or less --- pick your own takes more time and coordination
- Reenacting - we are not alone - YouTube w/commentary/questions - @45min

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## Proposed Amendments for 2013

Authored by Bobby G. Herring, Camp #1308

### Proposed Amendment #1

**Purpose:** The current Constitution does not define the number of Executive Council Members needed to establish a quorum in order to conduct Division business. This amendment would set the number needed for a quorum as seven (7).

#### ARTICLE VII: DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*Section 1.* A permanent Executive Council shall be composed of all Brigade Commanders, the Division Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Judge Advocate and the immediate past three (3) Division Commanders with the incumbent Division Commander as Chairman. All members of the Executive Council enumerated in this Section shall be members in good standing of the Louisiana Division and of the National SCV. **The Past Division Commanders shall not be counted to determine the number required for a quorum.**

The Proposed Amendment would replace the last sentence of Section 1 “**The Past Division Commanders shall not be counted to determine the number required for a quorum.**”, with the following:

The number required for a quorum in order to conduct Division business shall be seven (7), which is a majority of the (13) Executive Council Members described in this section.

### Proposed Amendment #2

**Purpose:** The consensus of the current Division Executive Council is that the Division Constitution intended to give the Division Commander the power of appointing an acting officer to replace a suspended member of his staff. The current wording says that the “Division shall appoint an acting officer” and this amendment would insert the word Commander after the word Division.

#### ARTICLE IX: DIVISION OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

*Section 2* - The Division Commander shall appoint his staff, which shall consist of an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Chaplain, Historian, and such other officers as he may deem necessary. The Division Commander shall fill any vacancy in his staff and shall have the power to suspend any officer he appoints, subject to the suspended officer’s right of appeal to the Division Executive Committee and then to the Division Convention. **During the suspension, the Division shall appoint an acting officer to fill the office.** The Division Commander, with the consent of the Division Executive Committee, shall fill any vacancy occurring in the offices of First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, or Brigade Commander until an election to fill the unexpired term of office can be held at the Division’s next Convention.

The Proposed Amendment would change this sentence in Section 2 “**During the suspension, the Division shall appoint an acting officer to fill the office.**”, by adding the word Commander after the word Division. The new sentence would read as follows:

During the suspension, the Division Commander shall appoint an acting officer to fill the office.





Funeral services for **Dale Winston James**, 65, of Leesville were held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 at Labby Memorial Funeral Home in Leesville. Burial followed in the Castor Cemetery under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 27 and from 1 p.m. until the time of service on Oct. 28 at the funeral home.

Dale, the son of Carl Winston James and Margaret Carlock James was born Jan. 2, 1947, in Leesville. He passed away on Oct. 26, 2012, in Alexandria.

**Dale was a lifetime member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.** He was Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a farmer and a furniture and mobile home salesman. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl James.

He is survived by his sons, Chad James of Sulphur, Leath James of Leesville and Brent James of Welch; daughter, Rebecca Laughlin of Sulphur; mother, Margaret Carlock James Williams of Leesville; special friend, Becky James of Leesville; and grandchildren, Trevor, Trey, Katelyn, Tyler, Cole, Killian and Jessie.

**(Compatriot James was a charter member of the Anacoco Rangers camp #1995)**

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**Jimmy Elton Harper - Coushatta, LA**

Funeral services for Jimmy Elton Harper of Coushatta, LA were held at 2 P.M. Monday, January 14, 2013 at Rockett-Nettles Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randy Tisdale officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 P.M. until 8 P.M. Sunday, January 13, 2013 at the funeral home. Mr. Harper passed away January 12, 2013 at his home. He was a retired electrician from IBEW Local Union 194, an active member of the **Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp T.M. Scott #1604**, a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and a four year Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Ann McDonald Harper; sons, Randy Kyle Harper and Jimmy Lynn Harper and wife, Rebecca Ann; four grandchildren, Brian, Jamie, Beth and Hannah.

Honoring Jimmy as pallbearers were Mel Waters, Warren Perkins, Trey Lewis, Jack Harrison, Brian Harper and Johnny Jacobs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital.



Funeral services celebrating the life of **Vernon Alcede Love Jr.** were held 11:30am Monday, February 18, 2013 at Rose-Neath Marshall Street Chapel. Officiating will be Camp Chaplain and Bugler Johnny Long. A reception followed at 1pm at Volunteers of America Highland Center. Burial will be at a later date. The family received visitors on Sunday, February 17, 2013 from 2pm until 5pm at the funeral home. Vernon was born May 23, 1950 in Holyoke, MA and passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Shreveport, LA. He attended Northwestern State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. Vernon was a noted, self-taught, bag piper and passionate member of the local Scottish Society and the **Sons of Confederate Veterans**. A true patriot, he performed without compensation at hundreds of active military, veteran and fraternal services across the Ark-La-Tex. He also enjoyed doing research in history and genealogy.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon A. Love Sr. and Reineldis Hoffmann Love. Left to cherish wonderful memories are his sister Debra Love, brother Raymond Love and wife, Alene, nephews, Joshua Love and wife, Catherine and Adam Love, niece, Melissa Love, aunt, Bonnie Cimino and numerous cousins.

Vernon's family would like to thank the doctors and ICU nurses at Willis Knighton Pierremont for their care and compassion.

The family suggests memorials may be made to VOA Highland Center, 360 Jordan Street Shreveport, LA 71101. **(Compatriot Love was a charter member of the Col. Leon Marks Camp #1596)**

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**Sam Stanley Ross**

Stan was born on January 1, 1956 and after a courageous battle with cancer died January 9, 2013.

Stan was preceded in death by his mother Anita Ann Kitchings Ross and his father Sam Franklin Ross, maternal grandparents Ellie Mae Morgan Kitchings and Phillip Bennett Kitchings, paternal grandparents Zeola Thomas Ross and Simpson Elmer Ross.

Stan is survived by the love of his life Vicky Jackson, daughter Elizabeth Ann Ross Raney and husband Jonathan Wayne Raney, a bright spot in his life grandson Bryson "Bo" Lane Raney, sister Jo Lynn Ross, special nieces Danielle Lee Finnefrock and Megan Sierra Jones, Aunt Sherry K. Jones and Uncle Bennett M. Kitchings, stepchild Colt Jackson and wife Deya, step-grandchildren Reace, Heavun and Rowdy, and a host of other family and friends who loved and supported him, especially during his recent struggles. Stan loved life and the people he shared it with.

Services conducted according to Stan's wishes were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the Ross Family Burial Grounds in Martin, Louisiana.

Stan asked that memorials be made to Wounded Warrior Project, St. Jude or any worthwhile charity.

**(Compatriot Ross was a member of the Col. Samuel D. Russell Camp #1617)**



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