

THE LOUISIANA TRUE DELTA

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Sons of Confederate Veterans*



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Compatriots of the Louisiana Division

This past year has been a trying one for our organization. The Covid virus has affected us in ways unimaginable. Loved ones have been lost and I send thoughts and prayers out to all. Our Division Adjutant Roy Austin and Flag Committee Chairman Steve Alvarez passed away, and their shoes will be hard to fill. Thanks to past Division Adjutant and 2nd Lt. Commander Bobby Herring for offering to be our Interim Adjutant until I can appoint a new one.

Our Division Convention, being hosted by the Russell Camp 1617, will be held May 14th-16th in Natchitoches. Registration and credential forms are available on our Division website, LASCV. The 126th SCV National Reunion, being hosted by Beauregard Camp 130, will be held in Kenner on July 21st-24th. Again, registration and credential forms can be found at SCV-bcamp130. I urge all to attend and support your Division. These reunions are a place to see your leaders at work, renew old friendships, and make new ones.

Division Convention: Friday night there will be a DEC meeting with a general business session Saturday. Saturday night the guest speaker will be past Division Commander Ted Brode. Any amendments to our Constitution will be voted on Saturday. Bids for camp(s) to host our 2022 Convention will be entertained so Commanders, have your bid packages ready. The tentative dates for 2022 are May 13th-14th.

April is Confederate History Month. I am sending a proclamation to Governor J. B. Edwards asking him to designate it as such. Will have to see what action he takes on it. Saturday, April 24th, the Taylor Camp 1308 is having a Memorial Service in Keatchie,

also celebrating the Taylor's Camp 50th anniversary as a camp. Let's make it a memorable weekend for them.

This is the time of year for the SCV JROTC H.L. Hunley Award to be presented to worthy candidates. The award application form can be found on our Nat'l website, the IMPORTANT change being the SCV contact info. Trip Wilson, past coordinator, has passed the duties on to Reverend Hoyle Kip Vinson, 325 Gliden Road, Hobbsville, NC 27946. E-mail htvinsonjr@gmail.com . State of Louisiana Coordinator is James Cannon, sf46@cobridge.tv .

Camps applying for the La. Tiger Award - March 31st is the cutoff date for information to be included on Tiger Award form, again found, along with criteria form, on our Division website. Awards Committee Chairman Thomas Taylor will be sending out additional info at a later date.

I would like to recognize all the members of our Division for the hard work and dedication they have to the SCV. It is the individual who makes our organization what it is. We are asking for volunteers to step up and fill the positions of Louisiana True Delta editor, Division Website Coordinator, and Division Adjutant. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Hats off to past C-I-C Chuck McMichael for getting this issue of the LTD out. I am your Commander, any questions contact info is gdg4scv@yahoo.com
(337) 351-5746.

George D. Gremillion
Louisiana Division Commander



“More like Mosby”

Louisiana Compatriots,

We stand at the beginning of a brand new year. Unfortunately it brings with it the familiar problems & issues we have experienced in years past.

There was a time in this great nation when the North & the South worked to reconcile their differences to create a stronger and more united country after Reconstruction. But in today’s political climate it seems we going backwards toward 1866. Sixty-six was a time where anything Confederate was illegal. Confederate Veterans could not even serve in the United States Army for ten years. It was also a time where there were no statues, no memorials, no parades or any legal remembrance of our Fallen.

It was the United Confederate Veterans, born out of numerous veterans’ associations across the South that fought the good fight in the most devastating conflict on American soil who sought to preserve not only their memory but the memory of all their brothers who perished on the battlefield so they would never be forgotten. The UCV had the foresight to pass this mission on to their descendants, the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This mission is amplified in the Charge we read before every meeting.

We live in a time where that devotion to the Charge is needed more than ever. And it all begins at home. Camps should embrace and work in their local communities promoting our Southern Heritage & History. We can do little when it comes to North Carolina, Virginia and other states subjected to Cancel Culture and Marxist Cannibalism, however we can do something about it in our backyards.

If apathy is the true enemy of Southerners then complacency is ours. We may not be able to take the field like Lee or Stonewall but we can all learn to be “More like Mosby.”

Deo Vindice!
Brian McClure
1st Lt. Commander
Louisiana Division



Compatriots.

Just about this time a year ago, we were learning of a new virus with roots in China. We have heard these types of dire warnings many times before and few of us, if any, expected that this time would be different, or could imagine the affect it would have on us. Within weeks we found out just how much it would affect every facet of our lives, from business and restaurant closures, shortages of basic cleaning and toiletry supplies, and the ever-dreaded mask mandates, not to mention the stay-at-home mandates and the limits placed on our rights to meet and assemble.

I am sure we could have hours, if not days, of discussion about how local, state, and federal officials reacted, or overreacted, to the pandemic, but none of that really matters now. This past year has definitely had an effect on us in ways we may not even realize yet. No doubt, we lost friends and compatriots over the last year and they will be sorely missed, but we have also lost some of the comradeship we share with our fellow SCV members as we have been unable to hold regular Camp meetings.

We are not quite out of the woods yet, as 2021 has started off just as bad as 2020 was, but there does seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel. Our first challenge will simply be to get back to normal, by having regular Camp meetings. Attending our monthly Camp meeting is habit for most of us, but missing Camp meetings can also become habit, so we will need to reach out to those members we have not seen for the past year.

Once we do get back to normal, every Camp should consider setting goals for the rest of the year. My own Richard Taylor Camp has already had such a discussion. This is the 50th Anniversary of our Camp being chartered, and we are in the planning stages of celebrating it. We have also committed ourselves to participate in more SCV and civic activities and have made a list of the activities we want to focus on. Even though recruiting and retention of members is always an ongoing goal of every Camp in the SCV, we restated that goal at our meeting and began plans to make it happen.

Of course, the setting of goals is only worthwhile if they are achievable and the progress towards reaching the goals is documented. Please do not fall into the trap of setting too many goals or setting lofty goals with no clear plan of how to achieve them, because it is all but self-defeating. Every Camp needs to have the discussion of what is important to their members and what they want to achieve this year, and how they plan

to do it. As your Camp meets each month and you discuss and track the progress towards your goals, I think you will find it will make both your Camp and our Division stronger.

Bobby G. Herring
2nd Lt Commander
Louisiana Division, SCV



Proposed Constitutional amendment as proposed by the Division Executive Council
To be inserted in the preamble of the Constitution following the words "in that Cause,"
and preceding the word "we"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, commit to insure that the aforementioned impartial Southern history will be taught to each generation, current and future, in accordance with the "Charge" given to the Sons of Confederate Veterans by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans, in his speech at the 16th Annual Meeting and Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans held in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 25, 1906.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldiers' good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also and to those ideals which made him glorious, and which you also cherish."
This will be the mission statement for all current and future members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization, as defined within this Constitution.



Louisiana Division Reunion

2021 Registration Form

May 14-16, 2021

SCV Member Name: _____

Camp Name & No: _____ Officer Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Guest Name(s) for Badge: _____

Ancestor Memorial (name and unit) _____

Reunion Registration (Members Only) Quantity: _____ @ \$20 each _____

Saturday Banquet (Members & Guest Quantity: _____ @ \$35 each _____

Ancestor Memorial Quantity: _____ @ \$10 each _____
(Due by May 1, 2021)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Russell Camp 1617
Mail Registration and Payment to: Russell Camp 1617 PO Box 313 Natchez, La 71456
Deadline for Banquet May 1st 2021

Host Hotel:

Best Western Natchitoches
5131 University Parkway
Natchitoches, La 71457
318-352-6655

Blocked Room Rate
\$85 per night
Code: SCV
Please Call to Reserve Room

Louisiana Division/Sons of Confederate Veterans

Confederate History Month

WHEREAS,

on January 26, 1861, the State of Louisiana declared itself to be a free and independent state and subsequently joined the Confederate States of America of which it was a member state from 1861 until 1865: and

WHEREAS,

thousands of citizens from Louisiana. of all races, religions and backgrounds. answered the call during the War Between the States, serving in the armed forces on fields of battle in heroic defense of their State and new Country: and

WHEREAS,

we, the members of the Louisiana Division. Sons of Confederate Veterans. recognize their service and sacrifice for the cause of freedom, many having given of themselves that last full measure of devotion and many returning home fearfully wounded in body and spirit: and

WHEREAS,

thousands of men, women and children left behind supported these soldiers, their state and the Confederacy by supplying goods and foodstuffs and with unrivaled loyalty: and those soldiers who returned after the War, even while suffering the indignities of reconstruction, contributed greatly to their state and localities, gaining respectable positions in government and as loyal citizens: and

WHEREAS,

that State of Louisiana saw extensive activity during the War, in such places as New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Brashear City (Morgan City) and Vermilionville (Lafayette), and Mansfield and Shreveport: and

WHEREAS,

the month of April bears special significance since it marks both the beginning and the end of the War Between the States, and several other States in this Country observe Confederate History Month in April: and

WHEREAS,

all citizens of the State of Louisiana should study the War Between the States, not only that we may understand the historical events which compelled the War, but more importantly to recall and remember the sacrifice given so freely by this State and its people during that time so that it may never be forgotten.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, **George D. Gremillion**, Commander of the Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, do hereby order that April 2021 be celebrated as **Confederate History Month** in the state of Louisiana. I call this observance to the attention of all citizens of the State of Louisiana and all members of the Louisiana Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

George D. Gremillion

This General Order is issued under the Hand and Seal of the Louisiana Division Commander on this, the 1st Day of March, 2021