

Confederate Gazette

111th National SCV Reunion

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) held its 111th SCV annual general reunion and convention at the Sheraton Hotel, in New Orleans, Louisiana from August 2 - 5, 2006. Over 660 registered members, representing over 300 camps, were in attendance.

Elections for Commander-in-Chief (CiC), Lt. CiC, and the three Army Department Commanders and representatives were held along with a vote on a new SCV constitution.

Christopher M. Sullivan (SC) was elected the CiC by acclamation, at the request of his opponent, Michael Duminiak

(PA) and Ronald E. Casteel was elected Lt CiC, also by acclamation at the request of his opponent Tarry Beasley (TN).

Michal Givens (SC) is the new ANV Commander, Brag Bowling (VA) is ANV Councilman, Kelly Barrow (GA) is ADT Commander, Ed Butler (TN) is ADT Councilman, Chuck Norred (CA) is ATM Commander, and Chuck McMichael (LA) is the ATM Councilman, all serving to 2008.

Staff appointments by new CiC Sullivan include, Donald Shelton (KY) who was named Chief of Staff, Mark A. Simpson (SC) is the Adjutant in Chief,

Cecil Fayard (MS) is the Chaplain in Chief, Darryl Starnes (VA) is the Chief of Heritage Defense and Burl McCoy (KY) is Judge Advocate in Chief.

The proposed new SCV constitution was approved. An overwhelming number of camps, with more than 90% voting in favor of the new constitution, approved it on Friday night, August 4, 2006.

One of the more popular provisions of the new constitution is the establishment of Cadet Membership for young men not yet 12 years old.

Committees To Form

Camp 1250's Executive Committee, made up of current Camp officers and past Camp Commanders, met on Saturday, August 26th in Temple.

One of the key recommendations to come out of that meeting is the desire to create five standing committees. This will be presented to the membership at large for its consideration.

The committees will help insure that the Camp's activities are

being handled and each committee chair will give a report at each camp meeting.

Each Camp member is being asked to serve on at least one of the committees.

The recommended committees include the following:

1. Camp Store
2. Communications
3. Graves
4. Newsletter
5. Scrapbook

In addition to the above committees an annual nominating committee will be formed to recommend a slate of Camp officers.

The Executive Committee goal is to get more Camp members involved in Camp activities and to help find solutions for issues as they come up. Two pending issues are how to manage the very profitable Camp store and how to deal with the expenses of mailing out the *Confederate Gazette*.



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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

"Cerro Gordo"



John Stuart Williams

He was a Mexican War hero who was against secession, but he simply couldn't tolerate the Federal government's policy of coercing the South, so he cast his lot with the Confederacy.

John Stuart Williams was born near Mount Sterling, Kentucky on July 10, 1818. He graduated from Miami University in 1839 and soon after began a law practice in Paris, Kentucky.

When the Mexican War broke out Williams served as a captain with an independent unit attached to the 6th U.S. Infantry. Later he served as a colonel in the 4th Kentucky Volunteers.

He was the hero of the Battle of Cerro Gordo on April 17-18, 1847. The battle was Mexican General Santa Anna's first significant opposition to the U.S. invasion force as it moved

west towards Mexico City. Williams was "dashing" in his conduct when the Americans outflanked the Mexicans following a route plotted by Robert E. Lee. As a result of the battle Williams gained the sobriquet, "Cerro Gordo."

After the war he served in the Kentucky legislature in 1851 and 1853. He was against Southern secession but found the concept of coercion on the part of the Federal government distasteful, so he entered the Confederate Army as a colonel in the 5th Kentucky Infantry in November of 1861.

He served in Kentucky and southwestern Virginia and was promoted to brigadier general in April of 1862. He succeeded Humphrey Marshall as the commander of the Department of East Tennessee, opposing the advance of Union General Ambrose Burnside's.

He asked to be relieved of his command in November of 1863, but did serve successfully in the defense of a Federal attack on a salt works at Abingdon, Virginia.

During 1864 he was attached to the Army of Tennessee as part of Joseph Wheeler's Cavalry corp. At war's end he was serving again in southwestern Virginia.

After the war he became a farmer near Winchester, Kentucky. He returned to the Kentucky legislature in 1873 and 1875. He ran for governor in 1876 but lost. However, in 1878 he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

He was defeated when he ran for re-election six years later and retired back to his farm. He died on July 17, 1898 and is buried in Winchester Cemetery.

Williams was the hero of the Battle of Cerro Gordo

Flag Flap at Midland Lee

A complaint by a former student at Midland Lee Freshman High School has started a controversy over the use of Confederate symbols at Midland Lee High School.

Shay Templeton, a parent of a former Lee Freshman High School student, filed a complaint with the district over the school's yearbook name, "The

Confederate."

At the August 8th Midland ISD meeting no formal action was taken in response to the complaint. According to the *Midland Reporter-Telegram* Superintendent Robert Nicks said that school officials will review a 1991 agreement between the school and the community banning the red and blue Con-

federate battle flag to be sure it is still followed.

Nicks said there are two avenues to change, though none was required after the meeting. One is to make any changes comply with that agreement, if it is being violated, and the other would

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Reconstruction Lives On

*An Editorial
By: John C. Perry*

Thought the cruel and harsh Reconstruction subjected on the South is long over. Think again!

On July 27th President George W. Bush signed into law a 25-year extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. At a casual glance who possibly could be against any bill which helps foster voting rights in America? Unfortunately, a more careful look at it shows that it is simply an extension of Reconstruction.



President Bush signs an extension to the 1965 Voting Rights Act

First a little history. The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was one of the post-war Reconstruction amendments. Ratified on February 3, 1870, the amendment prohibits states or the federal government from using a citizen's race, color, or previous status as a slave as a voting qualification. The major goal of the amendment was to enfran-

chise the former slaves.

Following the 1964 U.S. presidential election, a variety of black civil rights organizations banded together to push for the passage of legislation that would ensure black voting rights. Some felt that blacks were still being denied the right to vote in the South in violation

of the 15th Amendment.

An organized campaign to bring about federal intervention to prevent discrimination in voting culminated in the Selma to Montgomery marches in 1965, after which President Lyndon Baines Johnson, in a dramatic joint-session address, called

upon Congress to enact a strong voting rights bill. The bill was passed and the Voting Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965. Certain portions of the Voting Rights Act have been renewed several times and remain in force. They were renewed in 1970, 1975 and now in 2006.

Section 5 of the Act, which was scheduled to expire in 2007, requires mainly Southern states and a few counties elsewhere to get federal permission before redrawing election districts, moving polling places, or making minor changes in election procedures. The Southern states affected by the Act include, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and most of Virginia. Arizona and Alaska are also covered as are a handful of counties across the

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Johnson signs into law the original Act

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Camp Schedule

September 12, 2006

Camp's Regular Meeting, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, Temple, TX, 7:00 PM. Speaker: Dr. Christopher Ellis
Confederate States vs. United States Constitutions: Key Differences

September 24, 2006

Monument dedication at Zion

Hill Cemetery near Comanche, TX, hosted by the 7th Texas Infantry, Co. A, Waco Guards at 2:30 PM. Points of Contact for information are: Kevin Wilson: 325-646-1558; Bruce McNutt: 254-842-5337.

October 14, 2006

Camp's Dinner Meeting, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, Tem-



ple, TX, 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

November 14, 2006

Camp's Regular Meeting, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, Speaker: TBA

**Next Meeting:
September 12th
Cotton Patch Café
Speaker:
Dr. Chris Ellis**



7th Texas, CSA

**Help the
Camp by
volunteering to
do one of the
next events
with the Camp
Store.**

7TH TEXAS EVENT

Camp members are invited to attend a special ceremony dedicating a new monument to the 35 War Between the States veterans who are buried in Zion Hill Cemetery, near Comanche at 2:30 PM on September 24th.

Period Dress and Uniforms are encouraged, but certainly are not required. This event will be hosted by the 7th Texas Infan-

try, Co. A, Waco Guards Living History Unit.

Zion Hill Cemetery is located in Comanche County, off of Highway 16, between Comanche and De Leon. A Cemetery sign is posted on the Highway.

Points of Contact for information are: Kevin Wilson: 325-646-1558; Bruce McNutt: 254-842-5337; Kevin Dally: 817-447-9511.

Camp Store Needs You!

The Camp's Store, which has been the primary source of Camp funds, is in desperate need of your help. The Camp is looking for volunteers to man the store for upcoming Fall events.

The brain child of past Camp Commander George Ballentine, the store has been a big success at almost every event. The general public is eager to purchase Confederate motif items and at the same time

have a chance to learn about Confederate history.

George and Commander James Kinnear have almost exclusively worked the store, but now need to share the burden. We need your help.

The Camp is asking that each member to find a date or two in which they can work one of the upcoming events. Please see the event schedule on page six
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If you have not already done so please remit your dues to the Camp's Adjutant, Richard Sutton.

Annual dues are \$35.00 per person and \$15.00 per person for Associate members.

Please send your dues to:

Richard Sutton
Camp Adjutant
14321 Sutton Loop
Temple, TX 76504

Reconstruction Lives On

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country. What this means is the Congress and the President apparently have ignored the tremendous advances made in voting rights in the South. To have a law applied mainly to one part of the country and not the rest is clearly regional discrimination and a slap in the face to the people of the South. Apparently Congress and the

President feel that Southerners are not able to enforce the laws of the land.

This year's extension passed in the House by a vote of 390 to 33, the opposition mainly by Southern members of Congress. In the Senate it passed 98 to 0. Apparently members of Congress were simply too busy voting political correct-

ness and wooing certain minorities, rather than voting to end a ridiculous law that continues to punish the South.

So you thought Reconstruction was long ago dead, think again, if you live in one of those Southern states, you are treated differently than the rest of the country. Reconstruction lives on.

Dues Are Now Due

It is that time of the year again, dues are due. The dues you paid last year technically ended at the end of the SCV's fiscal year August 1, 2006.

New SCV Brochure Created in Temple

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has a new national marketing brochure, thanks to the work of Capital Media Group, an advertising agency located in Temple. Camp member John C. Perry is the CEO of the company.

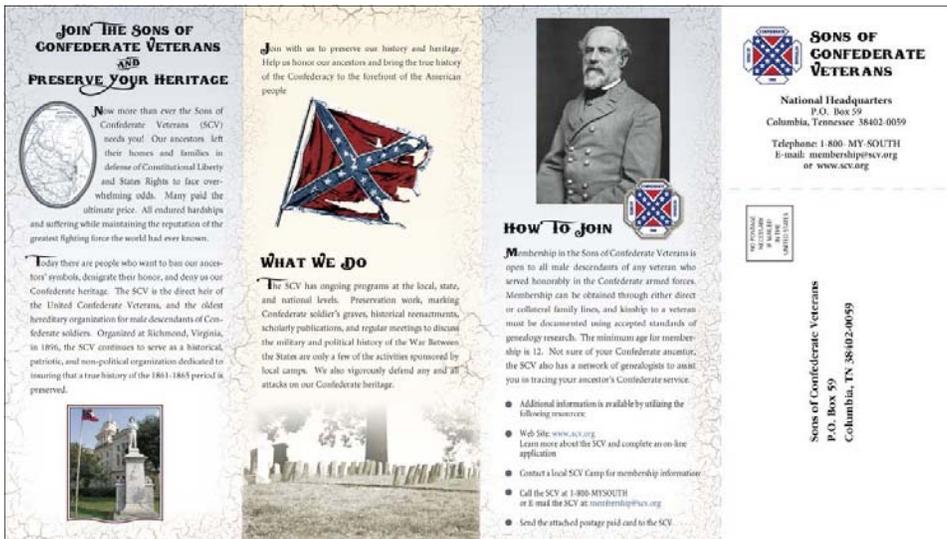
Perry was approached about a year ago and asked if he would pick up work done by a SCV Recruitment Committee and

chure. One was "a dynamite knock your socks off brochure," Perry said and the other was a more traditional version. "I really pushed them to use what I called the 21st Century brochure, but in the end they opted for a more traditional version," according to Perry.

The eight-panel brochure was finally approved this summer

now available at the SCV's IHQ at Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee.

"I am glad that we were able to produce the brochure in Texas," Perry said. Perry was also able to incorporate a Bell County photograph in the brochure. It is a photograph of the Confederate monument on the Bell County Courthouse Square in Belton.



finish a national brochure. He said he would do it only if he had a free hand. "Some of what the Committee had done was excellent, but it was way too wordy," Perry said.

With agreement that he could do a major redesign the folks at Capital Media Group went to work on it. They produced two prototype versions of the bro-

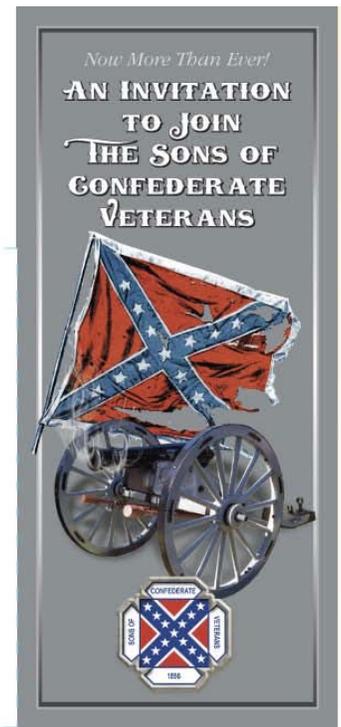
chure by the SCV's General Executive Committee and then Perry got printing quotes from Texas printers. The SCV's International Headquarters (IHQ) also got quotes, but the Texas quotes were less and in early August the brochures were printed in Austin.

The first print run was for 50,000 and the brochures are

The inside four panels of the eight panel SCV brochure

The photograph shows the Confederate Soldier's monument, originally erected by the United Daughter's of the Confederacy, at the courthouse, with a First National flag flying beside it. The photo also shows the restored courthouse itself. It is the same photograph

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Brochure Cover

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**Next Meeting:
September 12th
Cotton Patch Cafe
Temple
7:00 PM**

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Camp Store

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and find an event that will work for you.

Please contact Lt. Commander Chris Ellis if you can volunteer some time to man the store. The Camp needs you!

| Dates | Events | Locations |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 9/6 | SeptemberFest | Cranfills Gap |
| 9/23 | Cotton Harvest Festival | Moody |
| 10/7 | Pioneer Days | Lake Whitney |
| 10/12-15 | Beaumont Ranch | Grandview |
| 10/19-22 | Ogletree Gap | Copperas Cove |
| 11/16-19 | Liendo Plantation | Hempstead |
| 12/1-2 | Krist Kindl | Copperas Cove |

**Sign up for
an event
ASAP!**

SCV Brochure Produced in Temple

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which was on the cover of the Texas Division's 2005 Reunion program. "I was glad to get a little of Bell County in the national brochure," Perry said.

Perry also related a problem with the cannon on the brochure's cover. Initially we put a different cannon on the cover

than what was printed. "Someone on the GEC noticed that we had placed a Revolutionary War cannon rather than a War Between the States cannon," Perry said. "I missed it originally, but we did replace the cannon with a proper War Between the States field piece," Perry indicated.

Midland Lee

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involve the board's asking for an administrative review of issues surrounding the complaint, he said.

An online poll conducted by the Midland paper showed over 94 percent of respondents said that they are not offended at Confederate symbols.