

The Gray Line News



High Bridge



High Bridge Camp #1581

February 2024

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Camp Commander: Whit Morris

1st LT. Commander: Chris Burks

2nd LT Commander: Don Reynolds

3rd LT. Commander: Zach Morris

Treasurer: Shane Newcombe

Adjutant: Dan Johnson

Chaplain: Ned May

Judge Advocate: Kenny Barnard

Quartermaster / Historian: Tom Haake

Sargent at Arms: Trey Capps

Surgeon: Gene Kirkman

Camp Suttle: Greg Finn



“DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR SOUTHERN HERITAGE”



COMMANDERS CORNER:

Dear Compatriots,

Can you believe we are already 2 months into 2024! In many of my past comments, you have heard me lamenting about how much things have changed over the years, and how the support for our cause seems to be under constant attack.

I have gripped about how history is being rewritten and about how very few have any interest in what really happened in our nation's past. So, I wanted pass along something encouraging that recently happened to me. I was attending a meeting for work a few weeks ago in Knoxville, Tennessee. Hundreds of people were basically stuck in this large hotel because the entire town shut down due to a snowstorm.

I struck up a conversation with a guy named David from Maryland and when he found out I was from Virginia, he started talking about Confederate history. To my surprise, he knew more about our history than I did, and he was livid about how our heritage is being manipulated, and the truth swept under the rug. Then someone else, who overheard our conversation, chimed in with agreement.

Before long there were four or five of us, each from a different state, discussing history, heritage and our support for honoring the memories of those who went before us. I left Knoxville encouraged and with a little more hope that we aren't just a voice crying in the wilderness. Never give up and never forget.

Deo Vin dice

Whit Morris

Battles in February 1863

Feb. 3rd TENN Battle of Dover

Quick Note from your Editor

Ladies & Gentlemen, we need to figure out a way to keep our E-mail address list current for all. As you know I send out our Newsletter monthly via e-mail and postal mail to those that do not have e-mail. Just a quick side note, with postage going up, and the cost of paper and ink, each mailed out newsletter is now costing the camp one dollar per month to mail out. The majority receive the newsletter via e-mail. I try to keep the list current, but it would help if you change your e-mail, to let me know either by a quick reply or at one of our meetings. A lot of work goes into the newsletter, and I want to make sure you continue to get it in a timely manner.

High Bridge Flag Replacement

With the inclement weather and wind during the first weeks of January, the High Bridge Memorial Flag on Route 460 near the Farmville exit became tattered and torn and needed to be replaced. A group of us got together on the cold evening of January 11th to replace the flag before Lee Jackson Day. It was done at this time because of the weather during the week, trying to avoid the pouring rain and high winds.



Note From Gregg Finn

If you recall, at our last meeting we had some discussions on changes to the 50/50 raffle..... To all members, note starting with the January meeting we are revising the 50/50 raffle as follows:

\$2.00 for 3 tickets, \$4.00 for 6 tickets, and \$6.00 for 10 tickets. There will be actual 50/50 tickets on sale, see Gregg Finn

We feel this will create a bit more interest and income for the camp, thanks for everyone's input! First night of the drawing of the raffle raised \$61.00, \$30 for the camp and \$31 for the winner..... The winner donated it back to the camp!

New Officers Elected for 2024

At our camp meeting on January 25th the camp elected officers for the coming year.

Commander: Whit Morris
2nd Lt. Commander: Donny Reynolds
Treasurer: J. Shane Newcomb
Chaplain: Ned May
Quartermaster/Historian: Tom Haake
Surgeon: Gene Kirkman

1st Lt. Commander: Chris Burks
3rd Lt. Commander: Zack Morris
Adjutant: Dan Johnson
Judge Advocate: Kenny Barnard
Sargent at Arms: Trey Capps
Sutler: Gregg Finn

The camp thanks those who served in the past and asks your support for these gentlemen as they lead and guide the camp in the coming year.



Dan Johnson sworn in as Camp Adjutant

New Members Sworn In

During our Camp Meeting on January 25th two new members were sworn into our camp. Dan Johnson and Judah Johnson. They were sworn in by 1st Lt. Commander Chris Burks, 3rd Lt. Commander Zack Morris and Chaplin Ned May. Please join me in welcoming them to our camp!



Lee Jackson Day Lexington, Virginia

On Saturday January 13th our camp met early for the trek to Lexington, Virginia to participate in the annual celebration of Lee Jackson Day sponsored by The Stonewall Brigade. Our camp was also a sponsor of this event and was listed as such in the program and on the Tee Shirts sold for the event. This year we celebrated the 200th Birthday of General Jackson and there was an overwhelming crowd on hand. We met at the Bojangles in Farmville at 6:30 am and after a quick biscuit & coffee headed west to Lexington. We had 11 participants make the trip! We attended the service at Stonewall Jackson's grave, marched in the parade then attended the

Luncheon and Presentation which was much better this year. We also went to Lee Jackson Park to see the placement of bricks and the progress there which was amazing! Overall, a GREAT Day!



National SCV Commander Jason Bouchers speaks



Tony Griffin, Virginia SCV Commander speaks.



Trey Capps laid the wreath at Jackson's Grave



Group Photo @ Stonewall Jackson Grave



Judy Smith

CAMP BANNER REPAIRED



For over two years we have been trying to get this banner repaired as it has been used since the camp was formed. Thanks to Trey's mother the repairs have been accomplished and completed and soon it will adorn proudly our original Camp Flag. Also shown in the photo is our new Donation jug which will be used at events such as Amelia Days and Heart of Virginia and any other events we set up our booth.



ONE LAST NIGHT WITH STONEWALL JACKSON

In Richmond Virginia, the Robert E. Lee statue was placed and dedicated on Monument Avenue in 1890. Old Confederate Veterans from all over the South came to Richmond for the dedication.

The morning after the Lee dedication, a Richmond citizen went for a sunrise walk by the Capitol building. A number of years before, a statue of Stonewall Jackson had been placed there, at the Capitol. The citizen saw an amazing sight as he neared the Jackson statue. Men were wrapped up, sleeping all around the statue. The citizen recognized them as Confederate Veterans.

He asked those men who had just awakened: "Heavens men, could you find no other beds in Richmond last night?" One Veteran replied, "Oh yes, there were plenty of places, all Richmond was open to us, and turning his eyes toward the silent face of his immortal chief (statue of Jackson), he added, but we were his boys and we wanted to sleep with the old man just once more".

How Much did Soldiers Make in The War

In theory, the soldiers of both the Confederate and the Union armies were supposed to be paid every two months. In practice, they usually weren't so lucky because the military paymaster had to keep up with the troops who moved swiftly over long distances. When the paymaster did arrive with the current and back pay, it was a happy day in camp. The following figures compare the income per month of the soldiers of each rank.

Army Pay per Month

	Confederate	Today's Value	Union	Today's Value
Private	\$11.00	\$419.10	\$13.00	\$495.30
Corporal	\$13.00	\$495.10	\$13.00	\$495.30
Sergeant	\$17.00	\$647.70	\$17.00	\$647.70
First Sergeant	\$20.00	\$762.00	\$20.00	\$762.00
Quartermaster Sergeant	\$21.00	\$800.10	\$21.00	\$800.10
Sergeant Major	\$21.00	\$800.10	\$21.00	\$800.10
Second Lieutenant	\$80.00	\$3048.00	\$105.50	\$4019.55
First Lieutenant	\$90.00	\$3429.00	\$105.50	\$4019.55
Captain	\$130.00	\$4953.00	\$115.50	\$4400.55
Major	\$150.00	\$5715.00	\$169.00	\$6438.90
Lieutenant Colonel	\$170.00	\$6477.00	\$181.00	\$6896.10
Colonel	\$195.00	\$7429.50	\$212.00	\$8077.20
Brigadier General	\$301.00	\$11468.10	\$315.00	\$12001.50
Major General	\$301.00	\$11468.10	\$457.00	\$17411.70
Lieutenant General	\$301.00	\$11468.10	\$748.00	\$28498.80
General	\$301.00	\$11468.10	-----	

I added the Today's Value..... according to the internet, a dollar in 1860 is worth \$38.10 today.

- **Officer Allowances:** When you notice the discrepancy between the enlisted ranks and the officer ranks, remember that the officer's pay included certain allowances, such as additional rations, forage, and fuel allowances. So, for instance, the Union infantry colonel's pay included the cash value for six human and three horse rations a day, which came to \$78 a month.
- **Confederate General Salaries:** The Confederate generals' salaries do not reflect allowances. All ranks of Confederate generals received the same base pay because the Confederate army regulations recognized only one grade above colonel. Generals holding different commands, however, earned additional allowances for additional rations, fodder, fuel, quarters, and seniority. In addition, generals commanding an army in the field received \$100. Therefore, in 1864 Robert E. Lee's monthly salary totaled \$604 a month. This amount included \$301 base pay, \$108 rations (for 12 rations a day), \$32 fodder allowance (for four horse rations a day), \$63 seniority pay (for \$9 per month for each five years in the service, including those years he served in the United States Army), and \$100 as an army commander.
- **Colored Troops:** Colored Troops received \$10 a month for most of the war, of which \$3 was deducted for clothing allowance. This deduction was abolished in September 1864.

Navy

Seamen's pay was comparable to those of the soldiers. The following lists Union enlisted ranks' monthly pay.

Navy Pay per Month

	Union	Today's Value
Recruit Seamen	\$12.00	\$457.20
Ordinary Seamen	\$14.00	\$533.40
Able Seamen	\$18.00	\$685.80
Third Class Petty Officer	\$20.00	\$762.00
Senior Petty Officer	\$45.00	\$1714.50

- Seagoing enlisted men over 21 also received a half pint of wine or a quarter pint of grog each day. This practice was abolished in September 1862, when the ration was replaced by a cash payment of \$1.50 a month.

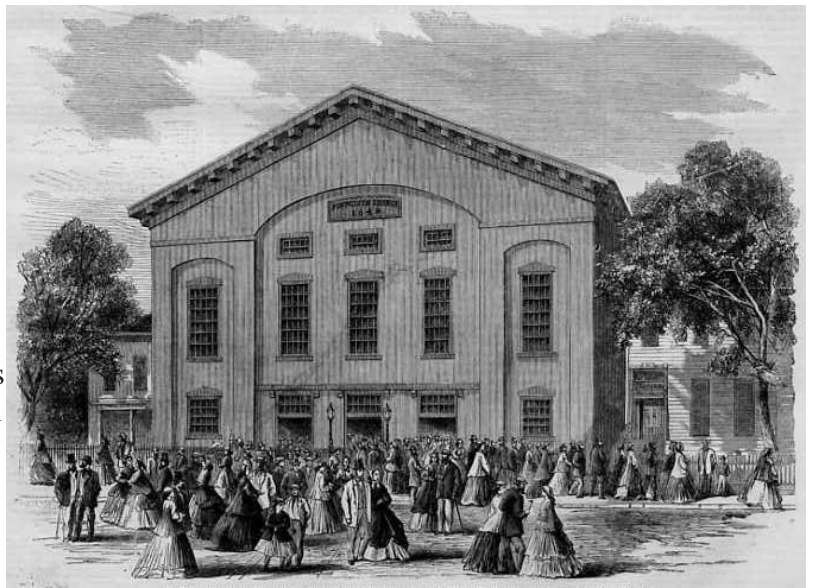
The Death of Jackson

Henry Ward Beecher's opinion of Stonewall Jackson

From the Staunton Vindicator Newspaper, published Vol. 18, Number 16, 5 June 1863 - Sourced from the New York Independent. Beecher was a New York reverend. "A brave and honest foe has fallen! Thomas Jonathan Jackson has died of wounds received in the confusion of the battle of Chancellorsville at the hands of his own men! There is not left another man in the South to take his place, and Richmond papers scarcely exaggerate when they say that the Confederacy could better have lost fifty thousand men! Good in counsel, his peculiar excellence was in the field—We know of no man on either side that surpassed him, if any equaled, in handling an army.

“We are in some respects better judges of his military talents than Southern men, since we felt the blows which they only saw dealt. It is certain that no other man has impressed the imagination of our soldiers and the whole community so much as he. An unknown name at the beginning of the war, save to his brother officers, and to his classes in the military school at Lexington, Virginia, his footsteps were earliest in the field from which now death has withdrawn them. But in two years he has made his fame familiar in every civilized land on the globe as a general of rare skill, resource, and energy.”

“No other general of the South could develop so much power out of the slender and precarious means, by the fervid inspiration of his own will, as Jackson. He had a solute control of his men, seeming to fascinate them. He drove them through marches long and difficult, without resources, feeding them as best he could; he delivered battles as a thunder cloud discharges bolts, and, if the fortunes were against him, then, with even more remarkable skill than in advancing, he held his men together in retreat, and with extraordinary address and courage, eluded pursuit, sometimes fighting, sometimes fleeing, till he brought off his forces safely. Then, before the dust was laid upon the warpath, his face was again towards his



enemies, and he was ready for renewed conflict. His whole soul was in his work. He had no doubts within himself. He put the whole force of his being into his blows for the worst cause man ever fought for, as few of our generals have ever learned to do for the best cause for which trumpet ever sounded. Henceforth we know him no more after the flesh. He is no longer a foe. We think of him now as noble-minded gentleman, a rare and eminent Christian! For years he has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a ruling elder. He never, in all the occupations of the camp, or temptations of campaigns, lost the fervor of his piety, or remitted his Christian duties.

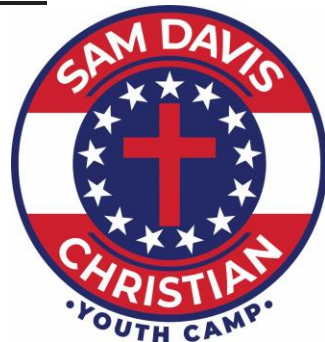
“We know that before every important more he spent much time in prayer. He had so put his soul in the keeping of his Master that he was relieved from all thought of self and had the whole power of his life ready for his work. Officers of Fremont's army who pursued him in his famous retreat from the Shenandoah Valley, found him to be beloved by the common people, among whom, in former times, he had labored, in prayer meetings, in temperance meetings and in every Christian word and work. No wonder he fought well along a region whose topography he had mapped down with prayers, exhortations and Christian labor.

“He was unselfish. He fought neither for reputation now, nor for future personal advancement. He therefore did not fall into the ruinous habits of our generals. Who are always neglecting to do the things that can be done, because they are small, but squander time and men and patience in getting ready for great battles, which elude them or defeat them. He incessantly struck on the right and on the left, and kept alive the fire in the hearts of the poorly fed and overworked men by the excitement of enterprise and the constant relish of victories, small in detail but whose sum was all-important.”

“Let no man suppose that the North will triumph over a fallen son with insulting congratulations! Nowhere else will the same of Jackson be more honored, not for the adhesion to the cause of slavery. but for his untarnished personal character, for his devout piety, and for his military genius.”

*Photo is *Henry Ward Beecher's Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York*

Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp 2024



The Site & Dates have been set for the 2024 session of the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp! Park Springs Christian Camp, (parksprings.org), located in Providence, North Carolina, near the Virginia border, will be our 2024 SDCYC host. The Dates are Sunday, June 23 to Saturday, June 29, 2024. Please check out the Park Springs website, parksprings.org, for all their accommodations and many fun activities. We are looking forward to a full house this year and another GREAT week for the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp!

For more information, please contact SDCYC Director Tracy Clary at brunswickreb@gmail.com or call/text at 434-774-4341.

Robert E. Lee Quote of the Month

Still we can not afford to be idle, and though weaker than our opponents in men and military equipment's, must endeavor to harass, if we cannot destroy them.

— **Robert E. Lee, September 3rd, 1862**, in a conversation with President Jefferson Davis



Our Camp is proud to support The
United Daughters of The
Confederacy and The Virginia
Flaggers.



Upcoming Meetings and Events:

February 22nd 7:00 pm @ Charley's Café: Camp Meeting, Speaker: Susan Lee of the Va Flagger's

February 24-25th: South Boston, Virginia - The 6th Annual Civil War & Military Collectors Show at Factory Street Brewing Company 210 Factory Street, South Boston, VA 24592

March 28th 7:00 pm @ Charley's Café: Camp Meeting

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