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Camp Welcomes New Member: Michael Taylor



New Member Michael Taylor (center) is presented with his SCV Membership Certificate and Pin

Camp 458 inducted its newest member at the March meeting at The Bomber. Michael Taylor has been a blessing for the Camp. Though he has only been to a few meetings so far he has fit right in, stepped right up, and has already volunteered to help recruit at the upcoming gun show, as well as help with the dedication in Prairie City.

Since we have just met him, Michael was asked to send in a short bio where bits and pieces could be gleaned for publishing so that we could get to know him better. Upon receiving the bio, it was decided to include it in its entirety:

Vocation:

I work as a freelance internet software engineer. I work half-time out of my house and half-time in an office in Northwest Portland. I've greatly enjoyed the freedom of the freelancer lifestyle for the past five years. Prior to that, I rode the rising Internet bubble and, through God's grace alone, solidified my position with clients just before the bubble burst in 1997.

Family:

I'm husband to my wonderful wife, Teresa, and father to three children. *(Cont. Page 4)*

Commander's Column

I would like to address the subject of what our individual roles are within SCV Camp #458. With this, I'm not speaking of the duties of the various offices as described in our bylaws or other offices by appointment. I'm thinking more of what we individually can do to better our camp and how we define that role.

My view is that we are brothers united by a common heritage and not one of us is of greater importance than another. Some are gifted with oratory or using the written word. Some are organizers and help to keep our camp on a clear path and moving forward. Still others may be the ones who come up with great ideas that have never been considered that spur us on to positive changes. Others prefer to work behind the scenes and yet their contribution is just as important to our cause. Each one is vital to our camp in a different way.

Our roles within the camp do not end when our meetings are adjourned and we return home. As you know, there is much to be done during the rest of the month between meetings. Obviously, there is a lot of planning taking place during the month that not only includes plans for the next meetings but also for special events such as the upcoming Confederate Memorial Day in April. The views of each of you are needed and encouraged as we make plans for coming events.

One venue that is vital for camp life is the discussion forum within Yahoo Groups. Here we can each have a role in expressing our opinions and influencing camp goals. There are times when Yahoo Groups seems to lie dormant like a sleeping volcano until a subject is broached and discussion erupts which can last for days (or weeks). The comments can be both entertaining and educational. But it is a good place to find out about where we are as a camp. Discussion of some issues never seem to come to an agreeable conclusion and are dropped. Others lead to a new and better direction for our group. But each of us has had an opportunity to have a role in making that decision.

Another role that I see is important for each of us is being an ambassador for Camp #458 outside of camp activities. We need to be willing and able to speak to folks we come in contact with about our cause and our camp. It's possible (and likely) that we may be the only one that person comes in contact with who knows the truth about the War Between the States. We need to be prepared to share our views in a diplomatic way with those who don't know or don't seem to care. I have found that bringing up the subject in a conversation leads to a chance for me to dispel any myths that they have been taught or heard somewhere. As you all know, our educational system rarely addresses all facets of the War and how it affected not only those who fought it but those civilians who were victims. That is part of my reason for beginning the Heritage Defense series of lectures. To better prepare us for those times when we can share our views. We should all be better equipped and more confident now to defend our ancestor's honor. That is my hope anyway.

In conclusion, let me add that everyone has a role to fill and something to contribute to our mission as a camp, representing the SCV here in Portland. We all come from different backgrounds and different viewpoints but we all can agree to honor the charge given that we recite every meeting. Each of us has the ability to defend the cause when the opportunity arises. So let's continue to use those abilities given to us to promote and further the cause of the SCV and our camp. Together we can be a great influence as individuals and as a group to change opinions and set the historical record straight.

Norm Ernst—Camp Commander

Confederate Memorial Day Service

Camp 458 is holding a Confederate Memorial Day Service on Sunday, April 26, at the grave of Col. Isaac W. Smith, at River View Cemetery in Portland, beginning at 1:00pm. Please coordinate/volunteer with Dan Burch so that we can make this pivotal event the most successful Camp event in our history!

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Camp 458 News

★ **March Meeting Review** - Compatriots Norm Ernst, Swede Workentine, Bryan Jacobs, Gary Johnson, Karl Ernst, Dan Burch, Glen Edens. Mike Taylor, Jay Willis, Erik Ernst, Brent Jacobs, and Associate Member Kevin Bishop attended the meeting. Among the highlights of the meeting were the placing of Isaac Smith's birth-date in our by-laws as an official Camp observance, the revision of Article-5 of our by-laws, a report on the positive progress towards what looks to be a fantastic Confederate Memorial Day event, a new fund-raising idea of selling community-oriented coupon books, and a class on how to use Robert's Rules of Order given by Kevin Bishop. The Camp also voted to donate a minimum of \$10.00 to the Wings of Freedom Hall after each monthly meeting.

★ **Camp By-Laws Revised** - After the Elections Committee, consisting of Glen, Gary, David and Dan worked feverishly for the past several weeks on proposed changes to the elections & nominations article of our by-laws, each section was read one-by-one and discussed, and amended or revised as necessary. The article was then voted on, and approved in its entirety. Major changes include the implementation of a nominations process and the removal of term limits.

★ **April Camp Meeting** - The next regularly scheduled Camp meeting will be in the Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber Restaurant in Milwaukie at 11:00am on Saturday, April 7th.

★ **Grave Marker Dedications** - Planning and preparations are underway for the August dedication ceremony/memorial service to honor several Confederate veterans buried out in Prairie City, Oregon! This is a big undertaking and needs to be a *team*-effort! Please contact Dan and/or Brent to help and participate in this exciting Camp road-trip event!

Adjutant's Addition

Compatriots:

Wow, this has been a whirlwind month for me. Again, I thank all the ones who sent cards, flowers and prayers during and after my surgery. I am grateful for the visitors. I even got a letter from Brother Len Patterson, ThD, Chaplain of the Army of Trans-Mississippi! My release date back to work is 3.20.09. I am thankful it's over.

February was a busy month for myself and the Election By-Laws Committee. We put in a lot of hours making changes to the Camp 458 Elections section of our by-laws. We presented our changes to the Camp on March 7th. The Camp membership really came through at the meeting. More changes, omissions, etc, were made by the Camp. In the end, the camp voted to implement all the needed changes. Good job, Camp!

I want to especially thank my committee, Gary Johnson, David Spigolon and Dan Burch for all the time and thought they put into the process. I would have been at a loss without them.

Commander Ernst has appointed me the Chairman of the General By-Laws Committee. I have selected again Gary, David, and Dan, to serve on that committee (they volunteered). I have also asked Past Commander Brent Jacobs to serve on the committee. He has agreed. Over the next year we will be going over the rest of the by-laws deciding on any needed changes or revisions, and bringing those proposals to the Camp for acceptance.

We now have 24 members in the camp. Our newest, Michael Taylor, was sworn in on the 7th. We welcome him to the Camp! Shortly, we will have member number 25! This Camp is growing and we must prepare for the future of the Camp! Updating by-laws is only one of the ways to prepare.

I am proud of the achievements of this Camp. We have done some great things in the past six years! I know we are going to do a lot more in the years ahead. We have some great members, and we have new members, all who are anxious to participate. We, "the old ones", want to do everything we can to help these new members learn and to grow, and become a part of the future of this camp. They *are* the future of this Camp! I personally pledge my assistance to these new members as they learn and grow! They should know that they can call on me at any time.

I do want to thank our Associate Member Kevin Bishop on his presentation of Robert's Rules of Order. He did a great job gaining the camp's interest. These rules and the understanding of them will help our Camp meetings flow smoothly and efficiently! Kevin will monitor our meetings and correct us when needed.

One of the things I learned, or re-learned, in Kevin's class, was that when the Camp "tables" any motion, that effectively kills that motion. I do not want to see any motion (a potentially great idea) summarily put to death! When a member has an idea, let's try to work through it. Let's give that idea every chance to survive and succeed. We never want to kill an idea that seems to take too much time or too much work. Every minute, every labor we put into an idea helps it grow and become a mission. When these missions are successful, so is the Camp!

Once again, I cry out, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE! How do I know what you are thinking unless you tell me? Respond to your fellow member's e-mails in a timely fashion! Ideas? Criticism? Communicate it. In service for the cause,

Glen Edens—Adjutant

News From Around The Confederation

★ **Call For Amendments to be Considered at Hot Springs Reunion** - Any Compatriot wishing to submit an Amendment to the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or to the Standing Orders of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to be considered at the Reunion to be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 23-25, should send the proposed Amendment to JAG in Chief Simon B. Buckner IV and Executive Director Ben Sewell at General Headquarters.

JAG-in-Chief Buckner's mailing address is 11617 Hemlock St. Overland Park, KS 66210 and General Headquarters can be reached at P.O. Box 59 Columbia, TN 38402.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution or Standing Orders must be postmarked/date stamped no later than May 15, 2009. Proposed amendments may be emailed instead of being sent by US. Mail.

JAG Buckner can be reached at scv@thebucknerhome.com and Executive Director Sewell at exedir@scv.org. A brief statement as to the rationale for the amendment may also be submitted with the proposed change to the Constitution or Standing Orders.

★ **Confederate History Month** - Virginia, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida all *officially* recognize the month of April as Confederate History Month, and it is celebrated in many other places all across the country. The purpose of Confederate History Month is to educate the public about, and to honor the history of, the Confederacy and our Confederate heritage. It's never too late to plan events or even form a committee in order to properly acknowledge what could (and should) be an excellent educational and recruiting tool for us. Let us all resolve to make this April *our* Confederate History Month here in Oregon! If not now, when? If not us, the sons of Confederate veterans, then who?

Camp Welcomes New Member: Michael Taylor (Cont. from Page-1)

Teresa and I live with our remaining child at home, Alec, who will be joining the Army in the Summer of 2010. Our daughter, Koreena, is married and is working to support her husband, Kris, through college at George Fox University in Newberg, OR. Our middle child, Andrew, is enrolled as a Freshman at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. I'm greatly blessed by our family ... they are all strong conservative-traditionalists and patriots in an area of our country that largely doesn't value those things. My family is the most important thing to me on this earth. We spend a lot of time together (and with Andrew when we can). Our family is very tight-knit. They are the source of enjoyment, strength and endurance for me.

Progress on my bucket list:

In May 2005, after a near record-setting short period of training, I received my private pilot's license and that summer we flew all over Western Oregon. Flying up and down the beach ... flying to see my brother in Roseburg ... and flying ... just to fly. I originally designed my flight lessons as a mechanism to overcome my acrophobia. Well, turns out, I'm still afraid of heights ... but now I'm licensed to fly.

I've served the City of Gresham in a community board of advisors to the Gresham Police and, for a short period, to the Transportation Planning Department. I enjoy furthering conservative values within government in any way possible.

I was honored to be invited to teach an "American Citizenship" class at Alec's private school. The intention of the class was to teach young people how to determine what they believe, why they believe it and, finally, how to reconcile their beliefs against their moral values. The class was a great success and I was honored by the passion in which the students took to the material and concepts.

Future:

My family's future seems set. Teresa and I have decided to move to South Carolina, along with all of our (then) adult children and my parents. I feel the time is coming for like-minded people to stand together, not only conceptually and politically, but also geographically. We plan on moving in September 2010 and, after our planned two-week road trip, will settle in rural midland South Carolina. We're passionate about the Southern lifestyle and value system ... we feel it's truly the only hope for this great nation.

How I came to SCV:

Being a strict conservative, I've always been passionate about traditionalism; family values, the moral compass, etc. Through our research into South Carolina, I discovered the true Confederate value system. After being educated in Oregon, I had to re-learn the Truth from a Southern perspective. I found that my family's values and the Confederate values were not only in-sync, but extraordinarily similar. Through my passion to stand among brothers of similar values, my wife and I (mostly my wife) pursued, with great fervor, my qualifications to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I give great thanks to my Great-Great-Great Grandfather Robert Frazier of the 9th Tennessee Cavalry for his faithful support of the Confederate cause and to Camp 458 for their help in pursuit of my qualifications. It's a great honor to be joined to the men of the SCV.

Book Report: The Life & Campaigns of Stonewall Jackson

Submitted by J.R.—Vancouver, WA

“The Life and Campaigns of Lt-General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson”

By professor R.L. Dabney D.D.

Richmond Virginia 1866

(Part #1)

I am sure you are all familiar with Google's collection of books which have now been scanned for downloading and presented in the convenient PDF format with a book friendly functionality for the ease of the reader. But in the event some of you may not have used this powerful tool, you will note at the top left of the Google home page that a menu is presented with “View”, “Maps”, “News”, “Video”, “Mail” and “More”. If the reader selects “More” a drop down menu appears with one option being books. You will now find a wonderful library of books at your disposal.

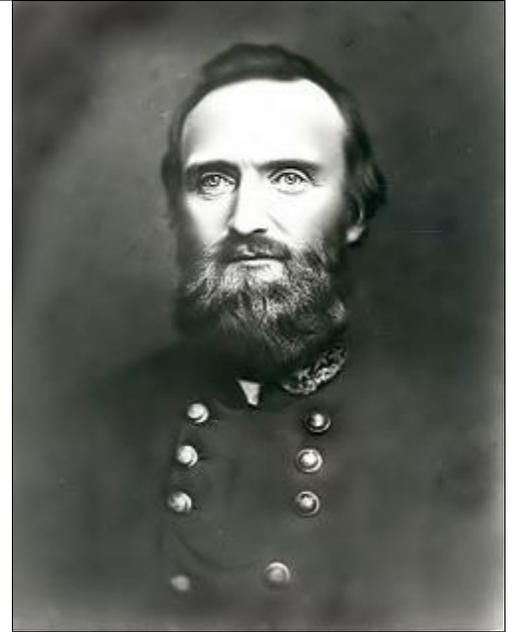
Using the above I had downloaded “A Narrative of Military Operations by General Joseph E Johnston. As I began reading this work I could not help but notice that when he made mention of subject matter related to Stonewall Jackson he would often validate his comments by virtue of text from Dabney’s “Life of Stonewall Jackson”. This got my curiosity going and I was able to locate a period copy of this work published in 1866 (nothing like a real 19th-century book written by an eye-witness).

Within the Preface the author states that “this work was entrusted to me by the widow and family of General Jackson” with the support of Jackson’s successor, General Ewell, his venerable pastor, as well as Jackson’s friends in and out of the Army. Dabney was also granted full access to Jackson’s correspondence, plus copies of official papers on file in the War Department of the late Confederate government. The author further states that “the whole work was written before the termination of the contest”. In addition, the author claims to have held the position of Jackson’s Chief-of-Staff starting with the valley campaign in 1862.

Dabney goes on to explain the reason why the South went to war was as follows: “The people of the South went to war, because they sincerely believed that (what their political fathers had taught them, with one voice for two generations) that the doctrine of State sovereignty for which they fought, was absolutely essential as the bulwark of the liberties of the people”.

As for the out come of the War between the States, “We have now been convinced by force that we were unable to save that doctrine of State sovereignty. I have now sworn to obey the government of the United States, as at present established, as expounded to us by force of arms.”

I will begin by next month reviewing Chapter-One (Parentage and Jackson’s early years). The reader may be interested in knowing that the author examines Stonewalls lineage, going back to England in search of a connection between Thomas Jackson and the 7th president of the United states Andrew Jackson. The answer will be forthcoming in next month’s Bayonet. “Stay tuned!”



In Honor of St. Patrick’s Day: Irish Confederate Resources

Most of us amateur Confederate historians have at least heard of the more notable Irish Confederate units such as the 24th Georgia (highlighted in “*Gods and Generals*”), the 10th Tennessee, The Emerald Guards of the 33rd Virginia, etc. What some folks may not know is that there were at least 40,000 Irish immigrants that served in the Confederate Army, as well as countless thousands of other Confederate soldiers of Irish ancestry. Much attention has been given to the Irish regiments of the North, probably due to the glorification of their high casualty rates. History has shown that Yankee commanders often distrusted and/or disliked the Irish and used them as cannon fodder. No less brave and committed to *their* cause, of course, were the Irish Confederates. The story of the Irish in the Confederate army tends to be centered more on distinguished individuals, as opposed to companies or regiments. Some excellent reading on the both subjects, covering Irish Confederate heroes and their unit histories, can be found in the list of books below:

- ♣ “Irish Americans in the Confederate Army” by Sean Michael O’Brien
- ♣ “Clear the Confederate Way: The Irish in the ANV” by Kelly J. O’Grady
- ♣ “Rebel Sons of Erin: A Civil War Unit History of the 10th Tennessee (CSA)” by Ed Gleeson
- ♣ “Irish Rebels, Confederate Tigers: A History of the 6th Louisiana Volunteers” by James Gannon
- ♣ “Irish Confederates: The Civil War’s Forgotten Soldiers” by Philip Thomas Tucker

True Confederate Hero: Col. John B. Brockenbrough

Contributed by Brent A. Jacobs

I have come across many names on the 1890 census of individuals that are documented to have been Confederate veterans, but nothing else is known of them. I periodically take a few names and do my best to research them, trying to find if they're buried in Oregon. Researching John B. Brockenbrough, I found an incredibly interesting man with an Oregon connection that I am proud to share.

In 1890, Thomas C. Cowing, a native of England and a veteran of the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry, started a law practice in Oregon City, Oregon, with a quiet and unassuming, yet dignified and wise, man with whom he had only recently been associated. His law partner for the next four years was John B. Brockenbrough. It is doubtful that the clients who sought Brockenbrough's legal services realized that the man in front of them had a monument dedicated to him and his artillery on the battlefield at Sharpsburg (Antietam), was also listed on a bronze plaque at the Maryland State Monument at Sharpsburg, had agonizingly lost the use of his arm in service to the Southern cause at Fredericksburg, and had personally gained the appreciation and respect of his superiors, including Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Brockenbrough found his way to Oregon moving out west after the War as a Federal Land Inspector, working in California, Wyoming, and Oregon. John Bowyer Brockenbrough, known as "Beau" to his family and friends was born April 6, 1836, in Lexington, Virginia. His father John White Brockenbrough was a Federal Judge who established the Lexington Law School in 1849, and served on the Board of Trustees of Washington College. Judge John W. Brockenbrough was the person namely responsible for successfully soliciting General Robert E. Lee with the Presidency of Washington College in 1865.



Cannons on the field at the Antietam National Battlefield

Beau was educated at Washington College and University of Virginia, and became an attorney, practicing in Lexington. April 29, 1861, he became a founding member of the Rockbridge Artillery, enlisting as a 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Archibald Graham's Company. Lt. Brockenbrough was wounded in the face at First Manassas (Bull Run), and later in the year wounded in the foot. He was promoted to Captain of the 2nd Maryland Artillery (Baltimore Light Artillery) on March 2, 1862. The Baltimore Battery was originally formed in Richmond in September of 1861 and fought throughout Jackson's Valley Campaign.

The 2nd Maryland performed magnificently during the bloodiest single day of battle in American history, at Sharpsburg in September of 1862. Brockenbrough's Artillery dominated the area around what has come to be known at Burnside Bridge. As the first Union soldiers emerged from the trees entering the cornfield, Col. S.D. Lee later stated that the ensuing heavy exchange of shot and shell was, "Artillery Hell." Though the battle's outcome was considered inconclusive by historians, the accuracy and volume of Confederate artillery helped to stop a far numerically-superior force.

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Monument at Antietam

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Maryland State Monument at Antietam national battlefield

In her diary for 8th January 1863 Judith W. McGuire (author of “Diary of a Southern Refugee During the War, by a Lady of Virginia”) wrote: “On the 16th of December...I went to Richmond, and found “Beau” Brockenbrough at the house of Mr. P., on Grace Street, surrounded by luxury, and the recipient of unnumbered kindnesses; but so desperately ill!...I found Beau suffering the most intense agony, and Mrs. P. agitated and anxious. No surgeon could be obtained for private houses. I sent for one, who was not an army surgeon...he told me at once that his situation was critical in the extreme; the Minie ball had not been extracted; he must die, if not soon relieved. He wanted assistance – another surgeon...hour after hour I sat by him. To cut off his bloody clothes, and replace them by fresh ones, and to administer the immense doses of morphine, was all that Mrs. P. and myself could do. At dark, Surgeons G. and B., accompanied by my brother, arrived. They did what they could, but considered the case hopeless. His uncle, General C., arrived, to our great relief. He joined us in nursing him during the night...after days and nights of watching, I left him improving, and in the hands of his parents. The physicians seem still doubtful of the result, but I am full of hope. The ball, after much difficulty, was extracted, since which time he has gradually improved; but his sufferings have been indescribable.”

Moved to a hospital for recuperation, Brockenbrough was promoted to Major in March of 1863 during his convalescence. On April 4, 1863 he was “hospitalized in private quarters” for quite



Plaque honoring Baltimore Artillery

some time.

20th November 1863 General William Pendleton wrote to R.E. Lee: “Brockenbrough, entitled to praise for extended and good service, is disabled, and will probably long so continue, by the lingering effects of a wound received at Fredericksburg last December. He ought to be relieved of responsible connection with this army and assigned some post of comparatively light duty.” John B. Brockenbrough was medically retired on 23rd March 1864 as a Colonel, and finished his service to the Southern Cause by serving on the Slave Claims Board in Richmond.

After Lee’s surrender, Col. Brockenbrough resided in Lexington, practicing law until 1886 when he was appointed a Special Agent to the Department of the Interior in the capacity of a Federal Land Inspector. He spent several years in California, Oregon, and Wyoming, and also practiced law in Oregon for a few years in the 1890s. Brockenbrough moved back to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1900, and died in Evanston, Wyoming, on a trip back out west November 15, 1901. He was taken back to Maryland, and buried in Loudon Park Cemetery.

The 2nd Artillery Company, usually known as the Baltimore Battery, was formed in September, 1861. After fighting in Jackson's Valley Campaign the unit served with the Army of Northern Virginia from the Seven Days' Battles to Gettysburg. It was assigned to the Maryland Line, then transferred to the cavalry and placed in P.M.B. Young's and B.T. Johnson's Brigade. The company was active at Yellow Tavern, Catoctin Mountain, Frederick, Poolesville, and in McCausland's raid on Chambersburg. Later it served as infantry in the trenches of Petersburg. It lost 1 killed and 2 wounded at Malvern Hill, had 106 men in action at Gettysburg, and surrendered with only 1 man.



Col. Brockenbrough’s grave

(Much appreciation to “Rootsweb” for a lot of the information gleaned here and there for this article)

Editorial: The Irony of Secession

Contributed by R. Stephen Dorsey

I'm sure that I'm not the only Southron finding the current national talk of secession from the embrace of the federal government just a little amusing – and, of course, sad. For no such talk and activity would be taking place if the needs of the citizenry were foremost in the minds of our governments (federal, state and local) and were being taken seriously. But, as the daily media cannot successfully hide (though they try), the business of governance is that of getting re-elected, not serving the electorate. So it is of interest to me to watch the various secessionist movements arising from the grass roots of America, from coast to coast, and to reflect on not only what these independence movements mean but the supreme irony that they are taking place largely in the North – the beneficiary of Lincoln's Boot and Bayonet Policy for dealing with an independence movement such as ours those many years ago.

Secession, however, has deeper Northern roots than it does in the South. To quote a passage from *WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS, ARGUING THE CASE FOR SOUTHERN SECESSION* by Charles Adams:

“It was Massachusetts, not South Carolina, that asserted the right of states to secede and threatened to do so four times. First, in the early days, on the adjustment of state debts; second, on the Louisiana Purchase by Jefferson; third, during the War of 1812; and, fourth, on the annexation of Texas. One chamber of the Massachusetts legislature actually passed a resolution of secession. Thomas Jefferson clearly acknowledged the right of secession when there was talk of the newly formed territories following the Louisiana Purchase to withdraw from the Union. He actually wished them luck if they did so and hoped that they would get along with the original federation as brothers and friends.”

Adams, later in his fine book, notes that:

“Three states – Rhode Island, New York, and notably the most powerful at the time, Virginia – retained the right of secession in their act approving the Constitution on June 26, 1788:”

Other secession activities took place in the American Northeast, notably the Hartford Convention in 1814 but also including various states' concerns about the whiskey tax, the Mexican War, and other issues of the day. By 1861, Lincoln's assertion that there was no foundation in law for states' secession, was clearly a purposeful, willful masquerade for his desire to break the South rather than allow his cash cow to leave the voluntary union they had entered as sovereign states many years before.

So what of the secession movement today and what could be the reasons for them? The answers to the latter question are in the headlines daily: utter failure of the Congress to curb their spending, the failure of the Treasury and the Securities and Exchange Committee to provide even a minimal oversight to grifters who have now ruined a generation's pensions and opened a gaping black hole into which the national treasury is being poured daily. We've had an imperial president who, with his Congressionally-approved Patriot Act and the dozens of executive orders and signing statements have completely gutted the protections of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. (And, I see no sign of the current president moving to return one of those rights to the people.) In the face of climate change, the end of the fossil fuel age and looming shortfalls in food production worldwide, not to mention the avalanche of unemployment and the foreclosures of the homes of hundreds of thousands of Americans and the rise of tent cities, is it any wonder that certain states and locales want to divorce themselves from a clearly incompetent government who has police powers even Himmler would admire. And, too, some of the discontent is aimed at state governments such as California, who never saw a Nanny State program they didn't like and who embraced the problems and expenses of a huge illegal alien population. Small wonder that the ranchers and farmers of the state, particularly in the north, feel little kinship with the teeming masses of Southern California and wonder why they should pay for the welfare state recently \$43 billion in the hole and with more debts to come.

So, who are these secessionists? Disgruntled Southrons? Diehard Confederates? Well, no. Try the Alaskan Independence Party whose poster girl is Sarah Palin. Or, the Free State Project of New Hampshire. Then there is the annual meeting of like-minded secessionists at the North American Secession Convention in Vermont each year. This year's attendees included members of the Second Vermont Republic, the Vermont Commons, Free Vermont, the Green Mountain Brigade and, the previously-mentioned Free State Project. 2008 was their *THIRD* convention and the message is clear: they no longer feel the bloated and disinterested federal government is a competent helmsman for their future. Sound familiar?

Local movements are springing up, too. The San Fernando Valley Secession (from Los Angeles County) movement feels used by and estranged from the insatiable megalopolis that urban Southern California has become – a sinkhole for taxes, water and illegals.

Even here in the Willamette Valley and further south, many rural citizens feel much more in common with the farmers and ranchers of Eastern Oregon than they do with a state government whose only response to an economic depression and rising unemployment is to raise taxes rather than to consider paring back on now-unsupportable pensions and other Nanny State programs that have grown up in better economic times.

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Editorial: The Irony of Secession (*Cont.*)

Contributed by R. Stephen Dorsey

The tensions between dissimilar needs and interests, particularly when one party is incapable of making realistic changes to fit the times and the needs, have always existed in every society. We Southrons have seen the issue at close range and I think we'll find it very interesting in the future to watch the rest of America rediscover their Constitutional roots. I pray that we don't rediscover another Lincoln.

Upcoming Events for Camp 458

April 4 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

April 26 - Confederate Memorial Day (1:00PM River View Cemetery, Portland)

May 2 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

May 20 - Camp Social Event (7:00PM Road House Steakhouse, Gresham)

June 6 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

June 20 - Cemetery Clean-Up (Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland)

July 4 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

July 22-25 - National SCV Reunion (Hot Springs, Arkansas)

August 1 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

August 21-22 - CSA Gravestones Dedication (Prairie City, OR)

September 5 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

September 26-27 - Recruiting Event ("Civil War" Re-enactment at McIver State Park)

October 3 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

October 16-18 - Recruiting Event (Collectors West Gun Show, Portland Expo Center)

November 7 - Meeting (Wings of Freedom Hall at The Bomber in Milwaukie)

More events will be added as the details are finalized, such as the Camp Picnic/Potluck, and/or the events held during or for ATM Commander Todd Owens' and SCV Field Representative Curt Tipton's visit to Portland (Tentatively in September)! The above schedule of events is subject to change, though the most accurate information is posted at the time. So please make sure to check the events-guide in future issues of *The Bayonet*, as well as watch out for official Camp e-mails.

Also, more Camp "social events" such as trips to sporting events and other family-friendly fun will be added throughout the year. All Camp members are encouraged to attend as many events as possible, and to feel free to set up your own events for the Camp to attend!

Compatriot Opinion: Reflecting Back, Looking Forward

Contributed by Bryan Jacobs



Bryan Jacobs

Back in late 2002, my brother Brent Jacobs proposed to me the idea of chartering an SCV Camp in Portland. He had already done much of the footwork by researching what it would take to get it started and had already approached a few prospective members. Simultaneously, Brent and I had been working for some time, simply as SCV members, to locate and document Confederate Veterans buried in Oregon. We did much of our research by hunting markers in cemeteries and searching records in funeral homes. We visited historical societies and scoured through books in libraries. On one of those days combing through historical volumes in a library, I discovered something quite amazing. It was a rainy afternoon and Brent and I were at the Northwest branch of the Multnomah County Library. I was flipping through a random book concerning prominent people in Portland, written years earlier, when the word "Confederate" jumped out at me. As I had been literally flipping through the book, I had to go back page by page, retracing my flips until I once again found that "Confederate". In a short time I had it. Within the paragraph about this particular Portland citizen it stated that he had been a Confederate officer, and as I read on I became fascinated with the man's story. Such incredible achievements he had accomplished, yet we had never heard of him.

By now all compatriots of our Camp are familiar with the incredible life of Col. Isaac W. Smith. Since we were kicking around the idea of re-chartering the original Camp 458 that was chartered in 1903, I offered the idea that Col. Smith be the namesake for this soon to be reborn Camp. At the meeting for the Charter signing it was decided that naming our Camp after a man with such an impressive history would be most fitting and quite an honor.

When I look back to that cold and rainy day over six years ago, it is truly inspiring to see how far this Camp has come. There have been ups and downs, some growing pains, members have come and gone... Conversely, we have survived. Our membership has rarely dipped under twenty, we have made incredible achievements as a whole, and a core of the membership has been very actively involved for a long time. I feel a tremendous amount of pride in seeing our Camp flourish and blossom. I never anticipated that when Brent suggested the idea of a Camp in Portland (we had been members of the Salem, OR Camp 1799) that we as a Camp would have not only stayed our course, but that we would have achieved so much. My vision in 2003 when the Camp became official was positive, but very short-sighted. I really did not know what the future was to hold, nor did I ever expect to have the wonderful people in my life that have now become good friends and brothers. It is due to the amazing commitment and dedication of the individuals in our Camp that we have been able to do so much.

Now in 2009, my personal vision of the Camp's future is still not perfectly clear. However, it has a tremendous amount of substance to it because I now know what we are capable of achieving. Recently, I have felt as though we are once again in a new phase of growth as a Camp. Not so much in quantity, but in quality. What I mean is that the active members of 458 are becoming increasingly involved, more action wants to be taken, and Camp compatriots are becoming more and more vocal about their opinions. I think it's great! Now here's the challenge: Let's stay on course and remain united. Experience has shown that once personalities start getting involved, mixed with the want for rapid change, and obstinate opinions begin to become the potatoes along with the meat of our meetings, it's just a matter of time before a personality issue crops up or someone gets his feathers ruffled. I can see this as a possibility at the moment, and as your simple compatriot, I feel the need to say, "We will only prosper and grow if we stay united."

I feel as though I have a vested interest in 458 as a charter member. That rainy day in back in 2002 seems to keep ebbing back into my mind lately, where I discovered Col. Smith in that random book and I have this consistent yearning for only the best for this Camp fueled by that recurring thought. We have talked often about our collective desire to be a more cohesive unit. For the most part that is true. We are. As I see it though, more can be done to strengthen our fraternal bonds. I hope that in the coming months we all reflect back on those moments that are special to each of us as Camp 458 compatriots; those moments that not only seemed special at the time, but are still with us now and give us that spark of inspiration.

I desire for my Camp compatriots to know that it is truly one of the bright spots of my life to be your compatriot, your peer, and your servant. With God's abundant blessings bestowed upon us, we continue our journey as the premier SCV Camp in the Northwest and with His guidance and direction our fraternal bonds will be better forged, our fellowship will nurture and grow, and our ambitions can and will be realized. With what this Camp has become, that wintry Oregon day six years ago seems all the more special and I am eternally grateful for each and every one of you.

(Bryan has been a member of the SCV since 2001 and is a two-time Past Adjutant of Camp 458)

Post The Colors: A Panamanian Confederate Memorial Day

Color Sergeant Dan Burch

As I'm sure everyone is aware, next month, April 26th, our Camp, along with family, friends and guests, will celebrate Confederate Memorial Day at River View Cemetery, in Portland.

Today, Confederate Memorial Day is celebrated in most states of the South, to honor the memory of the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed life and treasure to defend their farms and family in the face of an armed invasion. Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi also celebrate on April 26th, the day Gen. Joseph Johnston surrendered the Army of Tennessee to Gen. Sherman. North and South Carolina celebrate this day on May 10th, the day Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died; Virginia on May 30th and Tennessee, Kentucky and Louisiana have chosen Jefferson Davis' birthday, June 3, as their Confederate Memorial Day. Different States may choose different days to honor their Confederate Memorial Day, but their sentiment is the same; so that these brave men may never be forgotten.

I know for some of our Northern born brethren, and perhaps even a couple of us, it might seem a bit strange to celebrate Confederate Memorial Day in, of all places, Portland Oregon. But believe me, we are not the first to commemorate the Defenders of the South in places far from Sunny Dixie. That's why I wanted to share an article with you I found about a group of fliers in a back water army air corps post in World War II, in 1943. Here in the jungle nation of Panama, in the land of Columbus and Balboa, the Confederate flag waved proudly, at least for one day at the headquarters of the 6th Air Force. It shows you can take the young man out of the South, but you can't take the South out of the young man., (or the young woman for that manner). Whether in Okinawa, Panama or Oregon, Confederate Memorial Day will be remembered as long as a son of the South is willing to step forth to honor those who gave so much.



6th Air Force Insignia

The article below was located in the May 14, 1943 issue of The Hammond Times, Hammond, Indiana.

6TH AIR FORCE MARKS 2ND CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH AIR FORCE, Caribbean Area (UP) – The "Damyankes" on the post had never heard of it before. But after they caught on they cheered just as loudly as anybody else.

It was on May 10, a year ago, that the boys from Dixie, serving with the army air corps at the Panama base commanded by Col. Guy F. Hix, held their first overseas celebration of Confederate Memorial Day. This is the day set aside throughout the southern United States to commemorate the valorous memory of the soldiers of "Uncle Joe" Johnston.

The day was such a big success when first observed that Colonel Hix, himself a "rebel" from Shelbyville, Tenn., decided to make it an annual event and the preparations for this year's celebration indicate that the sons of the old Confederacy from Virginia to Texas are rarin' to go.



B-24 Liberator of the 6th Air Force, circa 1943

Colonel Hix, impressed by the fact that a considerable number of high-ranking generals commanding the army of the reunited nation of the present day are men of southern birth or training, including Generals MacArthur and Eisenhower, decided that something should be done about it. He called a conference and it was decided to plant a tree to honor each of the generals.

The most difficult problem of the outset appeared to be the procurement of a Confederate flag, but, to the astonishment of everyone, Lt. Frank P. Hudson, of Macon, Ga., produced from his foot locker an authentic reproduction of the "Stars and Bars." It was said that the "Rebel Yell" that went up at the sight of the

flag might have been heard at the opposite end of the Caribbean.

Following the tree planting exercises, an impromptu parade was held around the base, with Colonel Hix marching at the head of the cheering column. Base headquarters was designated the Yankee stronghold and, after it had been theoretically "captured", Lt. Hudson's flag was raised over the tree named for General MacArthur. Then, to show themselves generous conquerors, the victorious Southerners treated the captured Yanks with traditional hospitality marching them to the officers' club for "cokes."

This year's observance will have to be held without Lt. Hudson, as he since has been transferred to another base, but Col. Hix, like old Gen. Forrest, is still determined to "Get thar fustest with the moistest men." So it is more than likely that if the yawning cats and sleepy pythons, which abound near the post, are jarred from their perches at the crack of dawn tomorrow by an ear-splitting sound from many throats, it will be neither an air raid warning nor the bathtub chorus from the soldiers' morning shower.

It will be the echo of the sound that swept the victorious fields of Antietam and Bull Run, the famous "Rebel Yell."

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Boone County Confederate Memorial



This monument perpetuates the memory of those who true to the instincts of their birth, faithful to the teachings of their fathers, constant in their love for the state, died in the performance of their duty, who have glorified a fallen cause by the simple manhood of their lives, the patient endurance of suffering and the heroism of death and who, in the dark hours of imprisonment in the hopelessness of the hospital, in the short sharp agony of the field found support and consolation in the belief that at home they would not be forgotten let the stranger who may in future times read this inscription recognize that these were men whom power could not corrupt, whom death could not terrify, whom defeat could not dishonor and let their virtues plead for just judgment of the case in which they perished.

Let the Arkansawyer of another generation remember that the state taught them how to live and how to die and that from her broken fortunes she has preserved for her children the priceless treasure of their memories teaching all who may claim the same birthright that truth, courage and patriotism endure forever.

Dedicated by the General Jo Shelby Camp No. 1414 of the Arkansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Harrison, Arkansas on April 6, 1986, to honor the memory of those gallant Confederates who fought valiantly for their beloved southland.