

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1524 Chaplain's Column for October 2024 - Identifying as Sons and Daughters of God

"And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (NKJV)

Matthew 3:17

It seems like everywhere we go nowadays, everything we do and buy, someone is asking for our identification. They are trying to identify who we are or who we say we are. Scammers are always trying to steal our identity. But, who are we? Who are you?

Recently we saw that famous actor James Earl Jones died. Jones was known for many famous roles, but was prominently known as the voice of Darth Vader from the "Stars Wars" franchise. He was also the voice of Mufasa, in the animated Disney movie, "The Lion King." In the movie, Mufasa, the King, has been betrayed and killed by his brother, Scar. Mufasa's son, Simba, has run away and become a coward, hiding away in the backlands. Mufasa visits Simba in a dream and yells at him, "You have forgotten me!" Simba denies this, of course, to which Mufasa says, "You have forgotten who you are, so you have forgotten me." Mufasa reminds Simba, "You are my Son!"

In Matthew 3, God declares to all assembled that Jesus is His Son, in whom He is well pleased. In some translations God speaks directly to Jesus saying, "You are my Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus is the Son of God. And the Son of Man.

We are also the children of God. We are His Sons. But when the world overwhelms us, our problems crash down on us, or if people ask if we are followers of God, His children, do we go silent when it is inconvenient? Do we, like Peter, deny it? Do we forget to go to God when we feel like we can handle it better ourselves? How often we have felt alone, abandoned, but God was there waiting for us to seek him out in prayer. How He waits for us to worship Him and praise Him for all our many blessings He has given us. And yet, like a petulant child, we go and complain of the things we don't have or didn't get and ask for more. We sometimes forget He is our Father, but we certainly treat God like a parent when we want or need something, don't we?

But here is the good news! 1 John 4:4 reminds us that, "But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world." God, our Father, has conquered the world for us. We need to remember our identification next time someone asks us for it, or the world throws troubles our way. We are the Sons and Daughters of God! Let us never forget who we are and let us declare it to the world!

Amen!

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"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 soldier's 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 those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

***Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
Commander-General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, 25 April 1906***

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One thing to remember though: "You can speak of God and not mention the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but you cannot speak of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and not mention God!"

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Monday, October 7, 2024

Upcoming Events for Confederate Compatriots

Don't forget to vote on November 5th!

Upcoming Events for Confederate Compatriots

Autauga County Fair – Dragoons booth, Autauga County Fairground, Tuesday- Saturday, Oct 8-12th

Dragoons' Camp Meeting – Thursday October 10th, 6pm social hour, 6:45pm camp meeting, Prattville Masonic Lodge

Dragoons Fall Muster – Oct 26th 10am-til at Philip Edward's home, 2104 CR 59, Prattville, Posey's Crossroads

Battle for the Armory – Nov 9-10, Tallassee, AL

Prattville Christmas Parade – Friday December 6th starting on Court St, downtown Prattville

Christmas Social – by reservation, Friday Dec 13th starting at 6pm at Buena Vista, 641 County Rd 4 E, Prattville

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Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Battle Flags Set on Confederate Veterans Graves at Historic Cemetery

Following a tour on Saturday September 28th of the 1848 Rockford Jailhouse Museum, Dragoon Tyrone Crowley and his wife Carol replaced 8 weather-worn Confederate flags on graves at Sears Chapel Methodist Church, just north of of Rockford in Coosa County on Highway 231. Flags used were provided by SCV Camp 1524 Adjutant Wayne Sutherland.

Camp Genealogist: Barry N. Wyatt

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Sunday, September 29, 2024

Prattville Dragoons Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1524 Chaplain Attends National SCV Chaplains' Conference at Elm Springs SCV National HQ

On Saturday, September 14th, 2024, the National SCV Chaplains' Conference was held at historic Elm Springs, the National Headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I took the opportunity and drove up a day early. I have been a SCV member for 30 years and had, sadly, never visited Elm Springs. I decided to change that and to see the new SCV National Confederate Museum.

I arrived at the museum when it opened as I was warned it would take hours to tour. Ironically, right after I entered, so did fellow Prattville Dragoon and former Brigade Commander, Josh Stover. Josh now lives in North Alabama but is still a proud member of our camp and sent well-wishes to all. Josh and his son were there to scan monuments to replicate and make for putting up around the Confederation. A fascinating process.

The museum is amazing. It has informative wall panels for each year of the war, major events and individuals that impacted the war. They also had QR Codes you can scan for more information.

The highlight(s) were seeing Robert E. Lee statue that was once in front of Lee High School in Montgomery, the bed John Bell Hood bed slept in during the Tennessee campaign, and the former coffins for General and Mrs. Forrest before they were reinterred on the grounds of Elm Springs! I could go on all day about what I saw at the National Museum. Every SCV member needs to go and visit to see it all.

I then toured the home of Elm Springs. They are returning to what it looked like during the War. It was, for years, the HQ for the SCV and had offices, etc., in the building. All of those offices have been moved to the Museum. It is well worth the tour. Ironically my tour was a lady from Indiana who knew the South was right! Oh, there are even some ghost stories to raise your hackles as well. Definitely a must-see!

The next morning we met for the Conference and it was an amazing day! Past Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle opened us in prayer and gave us a booklet of "positives" for Chaplains to pass to their flock. Current Commander-in-Chief Kennedy then greeted the assembly afterwards.

After singing some Hymns, like "How Firm a Foundation," former Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White spoke on the need of Chaplains to "be there" for the flock. Dr. White is 90 and still preaching the Gospel!

Current Chaplain-in-Chief Tom Hiter then taught us on how the SCV Charge is a Christian Document. You cannot speak of the SCV without speaking of God and Jesus Christ.

Dr. Micheal Bradley gave a fascinating speech on the "Southern Religious Tradition- before, during, and since the War for Southern Independence." He spoke at length on the revivals in the Confederate Armies and how it was a true religious awakening in the South!

After we returned from Dinner, Mike Dunn, from the Tennessee Division, gave an absolutely fascinating lecture on religious music during the War.

SCV Alabama Division



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This was followed by former Commander-in-Chief Boshers who told the story of Sam Davis, the Confederate Martyr and his religious beliefs, which helped to bring one (possibly more) of his captors to Jesus Christ. An amazing side of the story I was unaware of.

Missouri Division Chaplain Thomas McConnell gave a no-holds-barred sermon on "What the Lord Requires" and what will be required of all of us in the coming days. Nobody slept through that Sermon, believe me!

Pastor Mark Evans closed us out by recapping the other speakers and reminding us of our commission as Chaplain to the camps and individual members.

There will be a picture of all of us that was taken before we all departed. It will be in the Jan/ Feb 2025 issue of the Confederate Veteran.

We parted that day renewed, refreshed, and focused on our duties as Chaplains. It was a great experience and I hope it once again becomes a regular event!

I would be remiss if I did not thank Gary Carlyle and Jason Boshers, who both fought to make this event happen. I would also like to thank Adjutant-in-Chief Jimmy Hill who helped them make it possible.

Blessings,

Chaplain Brantley



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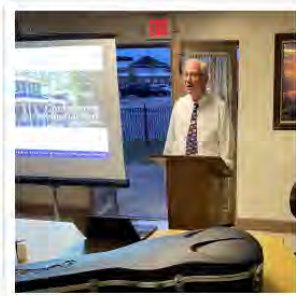
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Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Prattville Dragoons Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1524 Monthly Meeting for September 2024 - Confederate Memorial Park

A good crowd of members and friends of SCV Camp 1524 gathered on Thursday evening September 12th at the Prattville Masonic Lodge for their monthly meeting. Compatriot Rob Schwartz provided music playing his guitar and singing before the meeting while everyone socialized. Commander Grooms got the meeting started providing updates on news for the camp including upcoming events. Salutes and pledges to the US, Alabama state and Confederate flags were recited led by Dragoon Larry Miller as well as the SCV Charge by Harold. 2nd Lt Karl Wade updated everyone on the upcoming Autauga County Fair and sign-ups for the Dragoons' booth as well as the upcoming holiday season canned food drive for Thanksgiving and Salvation Army bell ringing for Christmas. Adjutant Wayne Sutherland handed out everyone's latest SCV membership cards to all members present. Calvin Chapelle who is the curator at the Confederate Memorial Park was the guest speaker. Calvin informed everyone of a couple upcoming events at the park including the Christmas at the CMP post office and the reenactors Winter Quarters. Calvin said they have recently hosted a couple of school days at CMP which he very much enjoys. Plans are still in the works for building a new pavilion at the park where the old one had fallen but they have otherwise replaced the roof on another and washed and painted some of the structures at the park. Calvin also provided a slide show and stories of the history of the park from its establishment as a Confederate Veterans retirement home showing many photos from the early 1900s of the home and cabins on the property which were all destroyed by fire or razed when the Veteran's home was closed with the passing of the last of the Confederate soldiers and their widows. Calvin indicated they are rotating historic flags with the State Archives to display in the museum at CMP. Larry Miller presented Calvin with a print of a battle scene from the War Between the States and Commander Grooms presented Calvin with a donation check for \$250 to continue the great work CMP does educating the community. Rob closed the meeting with a Benediction.







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Monday, September 16, 2024

Dragoons of Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1524 Attend Autauga Genealogical Society - The Clotilda, the Last Slave Ship

The Autauga Genealogical Society (AGS) met on Sunday September 15th and had a speaker from the Alabama Historical Commission, Stacey Hathorn, who spoke on the last ship that brought slaves into the United States, the schooner Clotilda, and it happened down at Mobile in July 1860. The Clotilda brought 110 slaves from Africa into Mobile Bay in July 1860. For the full history of the Clotilda, check Wikipedia. It appears the whole affair was the result of a wager between two men, both from the North, one of them a slave trader from Maine who came south in his 20s and made a fortune dealing in slaves. The AGS meeting was mainly about the Alabama Historical Commission's efforts to conserve the remains of the schooner Clotilda, so any history given was coincidental and due to questions from those present (14 AGS members). Prattville Dragoons of SCV Camp 1524 Bill Branch and Tyrone Crowley were in attendance as part of the audience.



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Monday, September 9, 2024

SCV Camp 1524 Prattville Dragoon Compatriot Tends Historic Cemetery Grounds

New Dragoon of Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1524 Hubert Champion singlehandedly took care of the grounds maintenance at historic Robinson Springs Cemetery in Millbrook AL today, September 9th. He brought his riding lawnmower and all his tools for mowing and trimming around all the grave markers and headstones and cleaned up the property of clippings and trash. A commendable job by one of the camp's newest members who has worked such grounds maintenance projects with the camp and on his own many times previously including headstone repair. Robinson Springs Cemetery is cared for by SCV Camp 1524 as part of the Alabama Division Guardian program.



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