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## August 2009 MEETING

MEMAW's BBQ 600 East Eau Gallie Blvd. Indian Harbour Beach, FL  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Order from the menu  
7:00 – 8:00 Program  
8:00 – 8:45 Business Meeting

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## COMMANDERS CORNER

In July, 18 compatriots and guests enjoyed a "Florida Confederate History" presentation by Commander Don Young. This was an overview of our current program series on Florida Confederate History. This month we will continue our Florida series with Matron of Honor Miss Lee presenting "The Home Front, the Women's Role".

The National Reunion was held from July 20-25 in Hot Springs Arkansas. A summary of the business and events is included in this issue in a separate article. The 1387 MIA/POW/KIA flag pattern developed by compatriot Phillip Thomas and the pattern developed by the Cross City Camp were considered and the delegates voted not to have an official SCV MIA/POW flag.

In August we will be swearing in 3 new compatriots. This is one of our favorite occasions. Uniforms for this special occasion please gentlemen, if you have it wear it this month. If you

would like to participate in the ceremony please contact Color Sgt. Evan Phillips or any of your officers. If you are considering SCV membership, a swearing in ceremony is a good way to find out what the organization is about and what is expected of members.

DUES ARE DUE; I SAY AGAIN, DUES ARE DUE. Yes it is that time of year; your annual dues are due and will be late as of 30 October. If you are late you will have to pay a \$5 reinstatement charge. The response to our first invoice has been high, thank you for being prompt and maintaining your membership. If you are among those who have not yet paid your dues you will be receiving a second and final invoice from Adjutant Atchison in the next several days. Please renew your membership – The South needs all her sons.

Your camp is maintaining an outstanding schedule of educational and informative programs and the program first, business last meeting format means you can leave early if you need to. Our meetings continue to attract new members and provide Southern family style fellowship for members and guests. Please come to the year round meetings, share some good MeMaw's barbeque and enjoy.

In Service of The South, Don C. Young Commander Camp 1387

## EVENTS

13 August E-board Meeting  
27 August Camp Meeting  
10 September E-board Meeting  
24 September Camp Meeting

## PROGRAM

### THE HOME FRONT

Camp Matron of Honor, reenactor and living historian **Miss Lee** will present the story of Florida women during the War for Southern Independence.

What new and different social, military and family roles were the women of the South and Florida forced to fulfill and how did they cope with the everyday shortages caused by an army of occupation.

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### THE BELLE AND THE ROSE

There are so many interesting and outstanding individuals who played pivotal roles for the Confederacy during the quest for Southern independence. So many of the military leaders were not only brilliant tacticians but also men of great courage and unblemished character. Not enough can be said of the heroic actions of the foot soldiers who held out for four long years against overwhelming odds. The "boy heroes", of course, hold a special place in the hearts of true Confederates who admire the willingness of these young men, many only teenagers, to give their lives to advance the Cause. Much has been written of these men and many of their stories are well known.

There are two Confederates that I find especially intriguing although neither wore a uniform, held a rank or served in a governmental position. In fact, neither was even a male. Each made major contributions to the Confederate effort and, even though not so well-known as many of the soldiers and statesmen, are still held in the highest esteem by those who know Confederate history.

These two amazing Confederate women were "The Belle", Belle Boyd, and "The Rose", Rose O'Neal Greenhow, who were merely the most successful spies of the War for Southern Independence.

Belle Boyd was born in the Shenandoah Valley near Martinsburg, Virginia (the town is now in

West Virginia as it was in that part of the state that was illegally taken from Virginia and made into a "state" by the Lincoln Administration - so much for constitutional government). She was a devil-may-care tomboy growing up who tended to dominate her siblings.

She was presented to society in Washington at age 16 and by 17 was a passionate Confederate. Belle was overwhelmingly feminine by this time and was once described as having "the best legs in the Confederacy". She had beautiful blue eyes, light brown hair and a fine figure that drew much attention. One admirer stated that her face had "too much character in it to be called merely pretty". As a spy, Belle used these attributes to great advantage.

Belle was flamboyant and often wore bright-colored clothing. She was also a brilliant conversationalist who could converse with anyone, male or female, of any station in life. She was an individualist who could appear at different times to be either cunning or naive. All of these traits helped her be successful at espionage.

Belle was popular with men and vice-versa. One man she did not get, though, was the handsome and dashing John Pelham, the brilliant artilleryist. Belle met "the gallant Pelham" while a guest at "The Bower", an estate near Martinsburg, in late 1861. Belle was smitten by young Pelham but he was taken by Sallie Dandridge whose family owned the estate.

Despite this rebuff, her admiration for John Pelham, General JEB Stuart and other Southern soldiers she met at "The Bower" only fueled her passion for the Confederacy and it was apparently during this time that she made the decision to engage in espionage for the Cause.

Her father enlisted in the 2nd Virginia and Belle developed a great admiration for General Stonewall Jackson, commander of her father's unit. This admiration grew over time into outright "hero worship".

Belle killed a Yankee at the age of seventeen when a drunken and abusive Union soldier, whose unit had just ransacked the Boyd home, tried to raise a US flag over the property. Belle shot him dead on the spot. Her charm was such, though, that the Union commander cleared her of any wrongdoing and even posted a guard at the house for the protection of the family and property.

Belle, an accomplished rider, acted as a courier for both General Beauregard and General Jackson during campaigns in northern Virginia. She became a Confederate heroine in May 1862 by getting information to General Jackson that allowed him to save the bridges (and the day) at Front Royal. It was during the Shenandoah Valley campaign that General Jackson was proclaimed a military genius and his decisions were aided, in no small measure, by information supplied by Belle.

Belle was arrested on three different occasions for espionage. She eventually escaped to England in 1864 carrying Confederate dispatches. She married while in England but her husband died soon afterwards. To support herself she wrote an account of her adventures in espionage and took to the stage as an actress. She was a huge hit and was regarded as a heroine in England while French newspapers called her "La Belle Rebelle".

She returned to the U.S. after the War and remarried in 1869. She lived a quiet, peaceful life for a number of years but eventually took to the stage again. She died in 1886 in Wisconsin while on tour performing dramatic recitals of her adventures in espionage. Ironically, this Confederate heroine, a spy supreme, is buried in the small Wisconsin town where she died.

If the term "flamboyant" best describes Belle Boyd, it is the term "elegant" that is most appropriate for Rose O'Neal Greenhow.

Rose was born in Maryland about 1817 to a family that was experiencing difficult times. As a teenager, she and her sister moved to Washington, DC to live with an aunt whose boardinghouse catered to the political leaders of the country.

Rose was a beautiful young woman who caught the eye of many an eligible bachelor. She eventually married an older, wealthy Virginian who was well-placed in society. He was Dr. Robert Greenhow. The Greenhows fitted easily into the upper echelons of society and the lovely Rose became well-known as a gracious hostess. She came to know everyone of importance in Washington but her personal idol, and strongest influence, was the great John C. Calhoun.

The family moved to San Francisco when Rose was in her mid-thirties but Dr. Greenhow died in an accident and Rose returned to Washington. Because of her beauty, intelligence and ability to influence members of Congress, she quickly gained a reputation as someone to be reckoned with.

In large part because of the influence of the magnificent Calhoun, she became a passionate secessionist who strongly and openly supported the Confederacy. She met Thomas Jordan of Virginia and the two developed an extensive Confederate spy network that included both men and women. Rose became a Confederate heroine when she passed along information concerning McDowell's battle plans to General P.G.T. Beauregard that strongly influenced the Confederate victory at First Manassas (Bull Run). For this she received a personal tribute from President Jefferson Davis

She soon came under suspicion by federal authorities and was placed under house arrest. Her home remained an exchange for Confederate intelligence during this period and in January of 1862 she and her daughter, "Little Rose", were imprisoned in a Washington jail. She was still able, though, from her jail cell to provide information to Southern loyalists. She was banished to the South after agreeing to never return to Washington.

Aware of how valuable she was to the Cause, Jefferson Davis sent her to Europe on a diplomatic mission for the Confederacy. She was received at the court of Queen Victoria in England and the court of Napoleon III in France.

On a return trip to the South aboard a blockade runner in September of 1864, the ship encountered turbulent weather off the coast of North Carolina. Rose was carrying a large cache of gold and, in a valiant attempt to save the gold from being lost, she drowned while trying to reach the shore with the treasure.

Her body lay in state with a Confederate flag as a shroud. On October 1, 1864 she was buried with full military honors at Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington, North Carolina. Duke University maintains a collection of her papers.

The Order of Confederate Rose is named in honor of Rose O'Neal Greenhow. The purpose of the OCR is to assist the Sons of Confederate Veterans in historical, educational, benevolent and social functions. The OCR educates the public about Confederate history by honoring and preserving its symbols. Membership in the OCR is open to anyone who truly loves the South and its Confederate history. While primarily female, membership is also open to males and there are a good number of male members in the organization. For the sake of full disclosure, I am a member of the OCR. For some strange reason, the female members are called "roses" and the male members "thorns". Imagine that. Confederate ancestry is not required for membership.

By the way, the Sopchoppy July 4th Parade and celebration was again a great event and the Sons of Confederate Veterans float won the award for "Most Patriotic" theme. I think David Brinkley bringing along a Betsy Ross Flag had a lot to do with that plus the color guard firing three volleys during the parade to the delight of the crowd. I also appreciated those of you who came up to me to talk about CONFEDERATE JOURNAL articles. I truly thank all of you for reading.

Bob Hurst is active in several Southern and Confederate heritage organizations. He is also Commander of Col. David Lang Camp 1314, Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Tallahassee and 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Florida Division, SCV. Contact [confederatedad1@yahoo.com](mailto:confederatedad1@yahoo.com) or 850-878-7010.

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## **New Compatriots To Be Sworn In**

We have received the certificates of membership from IHQ for our newest compatriots. Max Scott, Ed Slaughter and Compatriot David Scott have applied and been accepted for membership in Camp 1387 and the SCV.

At the August meeting we will conduct a traditional swearing in ceremony for these men. Please wear your uniforms and if you wish to participate in the swearing in bring your rifle and leathers. Please let Color Sgt. Evan Phillips know you will be available, he can supply you with rifle and leathers if needed.

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## NATIONAL REUNION 2009 REPORT

Thursday July 23.

### Highlights by Editor

Opening ceremonies opened at 8:30 AM by Convention Chairman Loy Mauch and included a musical program and greetings by the Mayor of Hot Springs, the hotel manager, the SUVCW, The United Daughters of the Confederacy, The Children of the Confederacy the Arkansas Division Commander, ATM Commander and the CIC.

1. Adjutant announced that a quorum had been achieved.
2. Convention adopted the Special Rules of Order for the convention.
3. Minutes of the 2008 Convention in Concord, North Carolina were adopted.
4. CIC McMichael discussed the now completed purchase of 8 acres adjacent to the Elm Springs home. This land is situated very close to the home and gives the SCV control of the land in the immediate vicinity of our headquarters.
5. Adjutant in Chief Mark Simpson presented his report to the convention.
6. Executive Director Ben Sewell made a report to the convention and the delegates gave him a standing ovation for the service he has given to the SCV.
7. The proposed SCV budget for the next year was presented to the delegates. It was adopted as presented with a request for additional detail in the future.
8. Lt. CIC Givens presented his report to the convention.
9. Past CIC Ron Wilson spoke to the convention regarding the 2010 general reunion to be held in Anderson, South Carolina. The business meetings will be held at the local convention center with the main hotel to be used will be the Hilton Garden Inn where the room rates are \$80.00 per night. Commander Wilson also gave a report on the recently concluded Sam Davis Youth Camps and was presented with a cowboy hat by the members of the youth camp held in Texas.

Friday July 24

1. Time and Place Committee report was given by Chief of Staff who is also a member of the Time and Place Committee. The committee reported that at the spring GEC meeting held at Elm Springs four bids were heard for the 2012 Reunion. The Time and Place Committee recommended the bid of the Murfreesboro Camp No. 33 of Murfreesboro TN be accepted by the GEC. The GEC voted to accept the recommendation of the Time and Place Committee and refer the recommendation of the Time and Place Committee to the General Convention. The General Convention in Hot Springs voted to accept the bid of the Murfreesboro Camp No. 33 to be the host of the of the 2012 General Convention.
2. ANV Cmdr. Brag Bowling gave a report on the recent work of the S. D. Lee Institute.
3. Sesquicentennial Society Report - The GEC approved the formation of the Sesquicentennial Society at its spring meeting at Elm Springs. The dues of the Society (one time) will be 200 dollars. 150 dollars of this amount will be allocated to a building fund to construct a new office building and museum on the grounds of SCV headquarters at Elm Spring. The remaining 50 dollars will go into a fund to be used at the Bicentennial of the War for Southern Independence.
4. The convention held a discussion of the licensing agreement of the Sesquicentennial logo with Dixie Outfitters.
5. ANV Commander Bowling gave his Army of Northern Virginia report.
6. AOT Commander Kelly Barrow gave his Army of Tennessee Report.
7. ATM Commander Todd Owens gave his Army of Trans-Mississippi Report. The convention took a break from 10:35 AM to 10:55 AM.
8. Virginia Division Commander Sawyer gave a report on Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, VA. The SCV will be given the cemetery. This will resolve a long standing issue between the SCV and the city of Richmond regarding the care of the cemetery.
9. 2010 Reunion Committee Chairman Ron Wilson gave the phone number for the host hotel for the 2010 reunion in Anderson, South Carolina. The number is 864-964-0100. This number and NOT the 800 number for the Hilton Hotel chain must be used to get the SCV rate at the hotel. The

Hilton Garden Inn is the host hotel.

10. There was a proposal made that the SCV adopt a flag for Confederate POW / MIAs. The proposal was defeated.

11. The CIC lead a discussion of the SCV affinity credit card. After the discussion the body voted to pursue a SCV credit card with a variety of art work.

Saturday July 25

The Convention began the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Standing orders.

A. Constitutional Amendments.

- 1. Amendment 1 passed with amendments to further clarify that Army Commanders AND Army Councilmen would submit nominations to the CIC for membership on the disciplinary committee.
- 2. Amendment 2 was withdrawn by the author.
- 3. Amendment 3, which raised the number of members to form a camp, was defeated.
- 4. Amendment 4, defining discipline procedures, passed.
- 5. Amendment 5, which would extend the term of the CIC and Lt. CIC, failed.

B. Standing Order Amendments

- 1. Amendment 1, which allows the GEC to create special purpose endowment funds, passed.
- 2. Amendment 2, 3 and 4 were considered as a group. These amendments create a Convention Planning Committee, in place of the existing Time and Place Committee, and Heritage Promotion Committee as standing committees. Amendments passed.
- 3. Amendment 5 creates a standing Youth Enhancement Committee. Motion was proposed to postpone consideration of the amendment. Motion passed and amendment postponed.

C. Ed Butler, Chairman of the Heritage Promotion Committee, addressed the convention regarding the placement of flags and other monuments in prominent places.

D. Convention considered the following proposed resolutions:

- 1. Resolution No.1 thanking the Keller Camp for their work on the Convention as host was passed. Author Chief of Staff Chuck Rand.
- 2. Resolution No. 2 by AOT Commander Kelly Barrow, passed. - Condemning those who misuse confederate symbols.
- 3. Resolution condemning the town of Jonesboro, TN for refusing to accept bricks denoting Confederate service in their veteran's memorial was passed. Author Kirk Lyons.
- 4. Resolution submitted by Kirk Lyons recognizing the long service of Russell Darden and naming all future undesignated scholarships to the Sam Davis Youth Camp be named as Russell Darden Scholarships. Compatriot Darden was a 57 year member of the SCV who passed away during the past year. Resolution passed.
- 5. Resolution proposed by North Carolina Division Commander Tom Smith stating that only CSA or Confederate State flags be displayed at monuments and memorials erected as part of the work of the Heritage Promotion Committee. Resolution failed.

E. Motion made by Alabama Division Commander Robert Reames to have Resolution No. 2 made to be the permanent official policy of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Motion passed.

F. Chief of Staff Rand gave a brief report to the convention.

G. Business meeting concluded at 12:15 PM with remarks by CIC McMichael, prayer and the singing of Dixie! Prepared by Chief of Staff  
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## Heritage License Plate

### Raffle... Raffle....Raffle 42" Flat Screen Television

We will have it delivered site to store for pick up in your town

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for all of your purchases and donations. For those of you who cannot participate your prayers are most appreciated. For those of you who can, we are nearing the end of our

raffle and you still have time to get your tickets. The SCV Florida Division is fighting a good fight to secure our Heritage Tag, it is a fight we can win, unfortunately it is an expensive fight, and it is one we cannot afford to lose. The preservation of our heritage, culture and very southern way of life is at stake, if our children and grandchildren are to ever know the truth about our history we need to preserve it now. We can accomplish great things if we stand side by side and shoulder to shoulder sharing the load as our ancestors did. If all you can do is purchase one ticket it will help in our efforts. Please remember the raffle drawing is August 30th. Tickets are \$ 5 ea, 6 for \$ 25, 12 for \$ 45. 24 for \$ 85. Please send funds to:  
Lynda O'Neal

6112 Garfield Street  
Hollywood, Fl 33024

**August meeting will be your last chance for tickets**

Tickets stubs will be returned to you. Thank you, Pray for Dixie,  
Sylvia Darby, President, Order of Confederate Rose Florida Society

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### **FLAGS ACROSS FLORIDA DONATION PAINTINGS**

Don Young is still having difficulty in producing an electronic file for the two images of J.J. Dickison. Don will obtain new photos or get an electronic file somehow. We will not delay any longer. Adjutant Kevin Atchison will forward the photos and drawings for the ancestor of Phillip Thomas (the third drawing winner) to artist Valerie Protopapas.

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### **SCV RACE CAR**

Dear Compatriots,  
I hope this post finds you well. I am writing you today to update you on the SCV race car project. I am pleased to report that after a long and at times, difficult journey, the SCV finally had its' day on the track.  
Saturday, July 25th, 2009, in Hickory, North Carolina, the SCV race car was driven by Brandon Ward of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Brandon is one of the top drivers in the USAR Pro Series circuit.  
The race unfortunately coincided with our National Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas. But I had the pleasure of announcing at the Confederate Ball on Saturday night that our car finished the race in third place. The race was filmed and is scheduled to be telecast on Fox Sports Network on Sunday, August 23, 2009.  
The SCV membership was represented by: Craig Cooke, Ricky Reeves and Scottie Shook of the North Carolina Division. Craig's wife Jana was also along. Ricky Jenkins and Irvin Shuler of the South Carolina Division also attended.  
Commander Shuler sent me a report and wishes me to relay to you the reaction of the crowd to our car. He allowed that when Brandon Ward was introduced to the crowd and the SCV was announced as his sponsor, the crowd cheered and cheered louder than they did for anyone else. I spoke with Mr. Jack McNelly, the co-owner of the USAR Pro Series and he not only buttressed Commander Shuler's remarks but added that the crowd responded with thunderous applause. He then went on to tell me that he spoke with many people about the SCV car and he NEVER heard one single negative remark.  
Commander Shuler added that he was approached by many men interested in joining the SCV. He handed out applications and directed them to the website. Many people came just to congratulate them and for putting Southern heritage back into racing.  
Our Compatriots spent time before the race with the driver, talking and taking pictures. After the race, they tried to get back to the car to congratulate Brandon but found that they could not get close because of all the photographers and TV crews.  
As rough as the negotiations were over the past six months, I am prepared to call this a success. Of course, I have been fielding calls from the race circuit offering us deals to sponsor the car again. I would like some input from you before we even discuss going further. Drop me an email and let

me know your thoughts.

The race was not the only part of the SCV race car equation. Part of the deal was to have a show car on display at the reunion on Hot Springs. This also was a reality.

Our original driver and fellow compatriot, James Hylton sent his NASCAR truck series truck. The truck sported our logo on the hood, the back quarter panels and the bed. It also had the website address along the sides and 1-800- MY-DIXIE across the back. Unfortunately, at the last minute, the art department was under the impression that the truck was black. The truck was in fact yellow and the lettering was white. But one of the ladies of the reunion staff quickly remedied the situation with a black marker.

James Hylton has generously offered this truck to the SCV as a permanent show car. If we are able, I would like to have a professional wrap made for the truck and have it sent to many shows and events. Furthermore, I discussed an ad campaign with Mr. Hylton that would use the truck to promote the work of the SCV. He is on board with using the truck wherever we can to raise awareness of the SCV.

I would be remiss if I did not thank a few people that made this possible. First and foremost, I thank the membership for standing behind the project. I thank James Hylton and his crew especially marketing director, Doug Barron who hauled the SCV truck to Hot Springs and back again to the shop in South Carolina. I thank Brandon Ward and his team for their help. And I owe gratitude to Larry Foyt for helping at every turn.

If you have any questions or suggestions please drop me a line at the address below. If you would like to know a bit more about Brandon Ward and the USAR Pro Series check the links below. I will be posting photos from the race soon and other designs of our cars at my website.

<http://www.brandonwardracing.com/index.html>

<http://www.usarprocup.com/>

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Compatriots,

We introduced this Sesquicentennial T-Shirt at the 2009 National Reunion in Hot Springs and sold 200 of them in 3 days. Manufactured by Dixie Outfitters, these shirts are 100% Preshrunk Cotton and come in sizes Small though 3XL.

They have the Sesquicentennial Logo on the front pocket and a large Logo on the back. **You do not have to be a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to order this item.**

You can call HQ and order: 1-800-380-1896, or order on line: [LINK](#)



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## SLRC ISSUES URGENT APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

Summertime, and the livin' ain't easy. Not around here, anyway. For non profits, who depend on contributions for their very existence, there are two wretched times of year: right after Christmas, when everybody feels spent out, and summer, when folks are using their discretionary income for traveling and other vacation-related activities. The SLRC's donations cycle is no exception to this rule; in January it plummets like a thermometer on Mount Mitchell; in the summer it gets as flat as low tide at Myrtle Beach. And that's just in an ordinary year. But this year the country's in the midst of the worst economic downturn in decades, when a lot of folks have shelved the whole idea of taking a vacation and are just trying to make ends meet. Consequently the SLRC's income has suffered even more than usual. We haven't been able to put out the hard copy version of our newsletter, "The Update", since April because we just can't afford the printing and postage. That puts us in a Catch-22 because the Update is one of our primary fundraising tools. So, in this time of prioritizing personal expenditures, we offer a humble plea for you to prioritize the SLRC. Remember: there is no such thing, to us, as a small contribution; anything you can afford will help us live to fight another day.

Editor: The Southern Legal Resource Center is the only group of dedicated Southern Culture lawyers in the country. The SCV is their primary support. Donations may be sent to: SLRC, PO Box 1235, Black Mountain NC 28711-1235.