



The Wheeler Dispatch



*The Official Newsletter of the General Joe Wheeler Camp #1245 in Aiken, South Carolina
A Camp built upon Duty, Honor, God and Country October 2022*



Commander's Column

Greetings fellow Wheeler Camp Compatriots and friends,

Hope this will find you all doing well and enjoying these far milder and pleasant days. I want to thank Blake for a very informative and interesting presentation on the Battle of Fredericksburg. I learned much from his presentation. Thank you, Blake.

Our next meeting will be on the 3rd of October and our speaker will be Dan Reese from the North Augusta's Berry Benson Camp. I consider Dan a friend and know him to be a hard worker and passionate SCV member. His topic will be on what happened at old Hamburg, SC in July of 1876 during Reconstruction. Come and hear the TRUE STORY!

It was our honor to have our State Division Commander, Perry Smith back with us again. Commander Smith presented Blake Moore and Bob Ritter with well deserved National Awards. We are blessed to have men like these serving in our Camp.

It was our pleasure also to have two prospective members, Chadd Hett and Kevin Kerr visit with us. It is our sincere hope and desire that these two fine men would become members of our Camp.

Please be considering an Officers position for the upcoming 2023/2024 Camp year. As I stated at our last meeting, it is very important that as many members as possible serve in some capacity. Think of it this way. "Every soldier should carry a gun." Your service is your gun. I'm sure that some of our long-time officers would appreciate a little break. You may love it and you'll have plenty of support.

Let us all continue to be in prayer for past member Jacob Cook. Jacob's room mate and friend for over 20 years suddenly passed away. Jacob was sharing an apartment with his friend. During this time of grief and now extra financial burdens, Jacob needs our prayers and support.

Should anyone like to provide a meal for our October meeting, just call me at 803-522-0180.

Sincerely, and Proudly at your Service, Ken Temples

"Remember, Confederate soldiers never die until they are forgotten."

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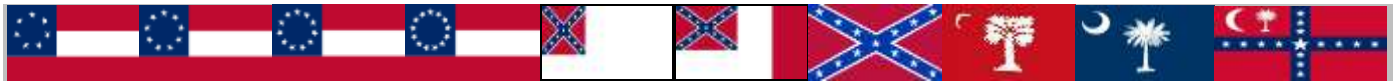
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1st Lieutenant Commander

2023 National Reunion

Register NOW for 2023 Reunion

Registration is now available for the 2023 SCV National Reunion to be hosted by the James McKeller Camp #648 at Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. The dates are July 19th through the 22nd, 2023. To register, please visit the Reunion website, <https://www.2023scvreunion.org/>.

See you on **October 3rd** at 6:45pm at the Aiken County Historical Museum for our next camp meeting. Mr. Dan Reese is speaking on the “True Story of What Happened at Old Hamburg in July 1876”. See you there.

2nd Lieutenant Commander

**Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. on
Arlington National Cemetery**

September 17, 2022

The Incivility of Woke Politics

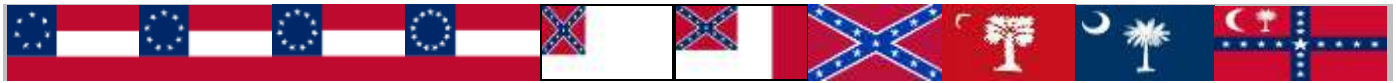
The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), established in 1896, is America’s oldest veterans’ organization. The SCV is outraged that the federal “Naming Commission,” established by Congress in 2021, has now recommended to Congress that the Confederate Memorial located in the Confederate Section of Arlington National Cemetery be removed. A key member of the Naming Commission previously published a highly critical book about Confederate General Robert E. Lee. This individual is not a neutral member of the Commission. His unwarranted vitriol directed toward the South and the millions of Southern Americans whose ancestors served honorably in the Confederate military have tainted the entire process.

The Commission itself fails to recognize that the Confederate Memorial at Arlington was sculpted by Moses Jacob Ezekiel, a Jewish American sculptor and Confederate Veteran. The memorial was dedicated on June 4, 1914, as part of America’s continued effort to reunify the United States in the post-war era. Unfortunately, the Naming Commission has seen fit to recommend its removal and therefore the desecration of this honorable grave marker. This is an unmitigated attack on Southerners who have provided, in terms of percentage of the country’s total population, more recruits to the American military than any other region of the nation.

This recommendation is divisive and extreme, and it epitomizes the complete lack of respect for the over 400 Confederate service members, their wives, and Confederate civilians buried at Arlington. Further, it will likely undermine the security and safety of Confederate memorials in every cemetery in America as well as the graves of Confederate Veterans, who are also American veterans, as enacted by Congress in 1958. The Sons of Confederate Veterans will work diligently to push back against the Naming Commission and fight against other Machiavellian proposals that continue to divide our nation. We urge all patriotic Americans to contact their representatives and senators and voice opposition.

To find your member of Congress, please see <https://www.house.gov/representatives> and <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>.

Jason Boshers
Commander-in-Chief

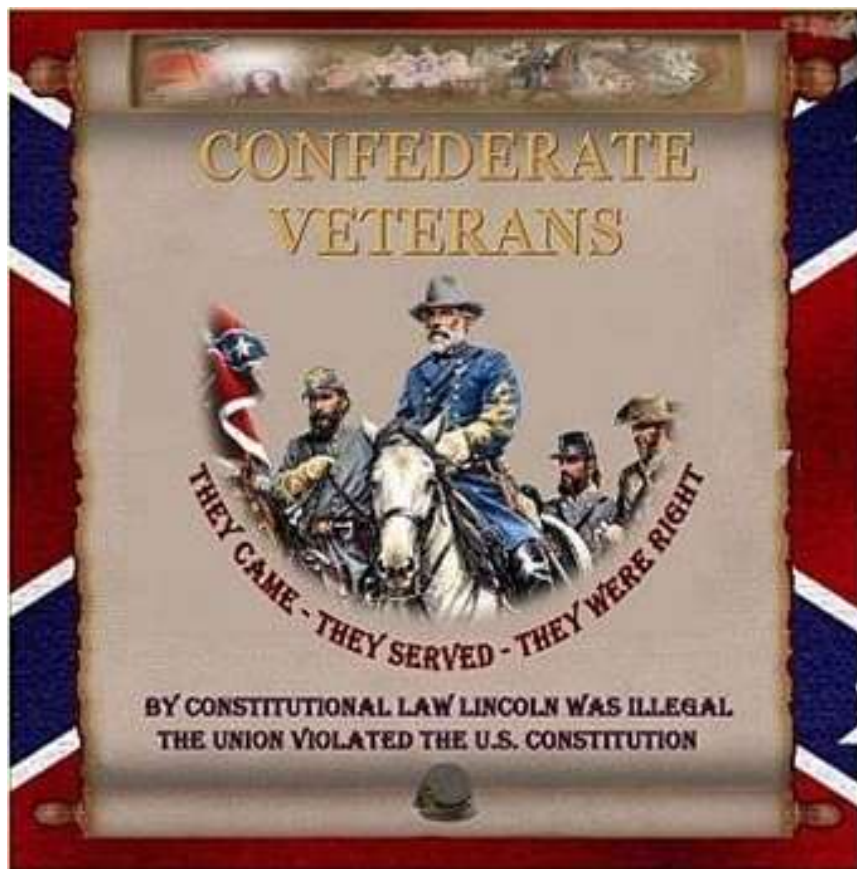


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Adjutant's Report

We had a very good meeting on Monday night Sept. 12 with Blake Moore's presentation on the Battle at Fredericksburg. We were delighted for the surprise visit from the Division Commander Perry Smith who came to present two National Awards: Bob Ritter was presented the Meritorious Service Medal and Blake Moore was presented the SCV Commendation Medal. We had 8 members, one guest and two perspective members in attendance. We want to give a warm welcome to Kevin Kerr and Chadd Hett for attending the meeting and are looking forward to them joining our camp.



From the Chaplain's Desk

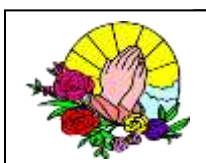


Prayer for Wisdom

We live in the most skilled, knowledgeable, and advanced generation ever. We also live in the most profane, violent, and hedonistic generation ever. We have knowledge. We lack wisdom. Wisdom begins with a certain kind of knowledge. **Psalms 14:1** says, “**The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’**” **Proverbs 9:10** says, “**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**” This knowledge of God comes through God’s self-revelation of himself in scripture. The wisdom of God is found in the word of God. Why do we need wisdom from God?

Peace with God, the peace of God in a man’s heart, and the joy of fellowship with Christ have a beneficial effect on the body and mind. This will lead to the development and preservation of physical and mental power. Thus, Christ promotes the best interest of the body and mind as well as of the spirit - in addition to inward peace, the development of spiritual life, the joy of fellowship with Christ, and the new strength that comes with being born again. There are certain special privileges that only the true Christian can enjoy. There is, for example, the privilege of having divine wisdom and guidance continually. **James 1:5** says, “**If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.**”

I pray that all of us will live close to God and that His wisdom will be ever present in our minds.



Chaplain’s Prayer List: Please remember our fellow compatriots and their family members who need prayers:
Michael Allen, Jacob Cook, Lee Duvall and his daughter Melanie, Clair Henkes, Tom Huckabee, Ken Temples & SC Adjutant Joe and Brenda Willis

IT IS TIME TO RALLY AROUND THE FLAG!

A new rally song by Rick Revel. This song is for everyone who loves their Southern Heritage. Please share the link below with all of your friends who want to preserve our flags, memorials and statues.
#MakeTheSOUTHGreatAgain, #MakeDIXIEGreatAgain, #CountryMusic #patriotic.

This video was filmed at the Parks Confederate Memorial Park in Blake’s ancestor’s home town of Trimble, TN. The hill that the Memorial Park sits on is the highest point in the area and the site where his Great-Great Grandfather built his log cabin more than 100 years ago.

<https://rumble.com/v1kk19j-keep-em-flyin-boys-by-rick-revel-music-video.html>



Heros Von Borcke, Colonel, CSA

By George Dorrill., September 12, 2022, blueandgrayeducation.org



Heros Von Borcke

In 2008, Jeb Stuart, IV, representing the SCV, and Nancy Hitt, representing the UDC, along with several other members of these organizations, flew to Poland to meet with Elkhart Von Borcke, great-grandson of Heros Von Borcke, Colonel, CSA, and other members of the Von Borcke family to place a Confederate headstone and Cross of Honor at the colonel's grave. Who was Heros Von Borcke, and why did this group travel all the way to Poland to do this?

Heros Von Borcke was a 27-year-old heavy cavalry officer in the Prussian Army in 1862 when he resigned his commission and paid for passage to England, then to Bermuda, and then on a blockade runner to Charleston, South Carolina, to volunteer for the Army of the CSA. At the time, he only spoke broken English. He was six feet, four inches tall, and he weighed between 240 and 250 pounds.

Von Borcke was appointed a "volunteer aide-de-camp" to Jeb Stuart by Secretary of War George Randolph. Stuart and Von Borcke quickly bonded, and Von Borcke, because of his military abilities and his unique sense of humor, became Stuart's chief of staff.

Von Borcke carried a heavy cavalry sword (an extra-long sword) and wrote after the Battle of Brandy Station: "*The Yankees gave a most amusing description of me in their account of the fight. It was stated that the Rebels in their charge had been led on by a giant, mounted on a tremendous horse, and brandishing wildly over his head a sword as long as and as big as a fence rail.*"

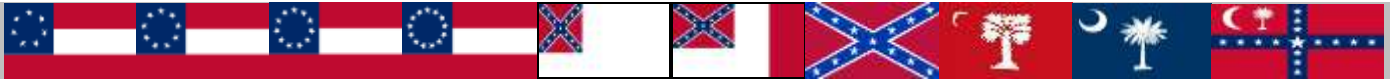


At the Battle of Middleburg, Maryland, on June 19, 1863, Von Borcke was shot in his neck, and the bullet traveled through his windpipe into his right lung. He lost 90 pounds, had to be carried in a chair during his convalescence, and was confined to a desk job in Richmond after he began to recover.

When Stuart was mortally wounded at Yellow Tavern in 1864, Von Borcke left Richmond to go to his side. Stuart told Von Borcke: "*My dear Von, I am sinking fast now, but before I die, I want you to know that I never loved a man as much as yourself. I pray your life may be long and happy; look after my family after I am gone; and be the same true friend to my wife and children that you have been to me.*"

After the war at his home in Prussia, now part of Poland, he always flew two flags on the battlement of his house: the Prussian National Flag and the Confederate Battle Flag.

He wrote: "*I myself am still an invalid. The ball which I carry in my lungs gives me frequent suffering, and has broken my once so robust health; but as every renewal of my pains reminds me of the past, they are alleviated and almost effaced by the pleasure with which I revert to the time when I fought side by side with those brave men; and I shall ever rejoice that I drew my sword for the gallant people of the late Confederacy.*"



Von Borcke died in 1895 of blood poisoning in Berlin, Germany, from the bullet that was still in his lungs. He was 59 years old.

And that is why Jeb Stuart, IV, and Nancy Hitt went to Poland in 2008 to honor the memory of Heros Von Borcke, Colonel, CSA.

Learn more at Van Borcke's autobiography, *Memoirs of the Confederate War for Independence*.

George Dorrill is a retired attorney residing in Kosciusko, Mississippi. Photos courtesy of the author.



Jeb Stuart, IV and Elkhart Von Borcke

**Link to
Ron Kennedy's Abbeville Blog Article**

Below is the link to Ron Kennedy's Abbeville Article: Joe Biden's Political Slavery

<https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/bidens-political-slavery/>

Thanks
Ron Kennedy



Commander Perry Smith pinning the Meritorious Service Medal on Bob Ritter



Commander Perry Smith presenting to Blake Moore the SCV Commendation Medal

Jefferson Davis Stamps Among Priceless Exhibits

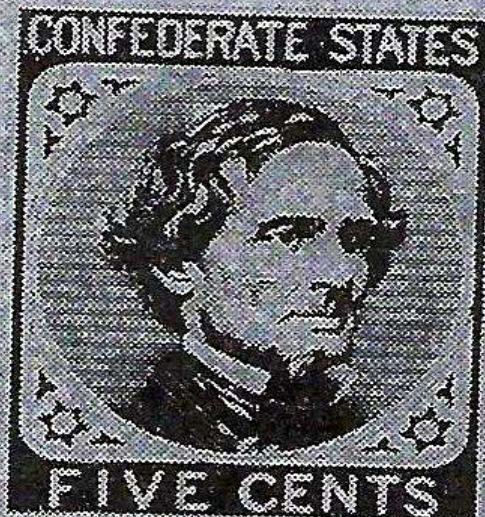
NEW YORK—Specimens of the first stamps ever printed and of the only American stamp ever printed abroad are among the priceless exhibits which Britain sent to the 4th International Philatelic Exhibition, which opened at the new Coliseum April 28.

Among fifty-two British exhibitors, Queen Elizabeth II's Curator, Sir John Wilson, the General Post Office and the famous firm of De La Rue will be prominently represented. The De La Rue specimens have been insured for a record \$140,000; the Post Office exhibit is said to be the largest and most valuable it has ever presented outside the Commonwealth.

Undoubtedly the most interesting item in the British contribution, from the American point of view, is the sheet of Jefferson Davis stamps. These five-centers were commissioned by the Confederate States early in the war, and were printed by De La Rue in 1862, having been designed and engraved by the famous Joubert de la Ferte.

Five million of these stamps ran the Union blockade and were circulated widely for several years. Further shipments including those of a one-cent stamp also commissioned by the South, were captured by the Northern forces and destroyed. No other U. S. stamp has ever been produced outside the country.

Next to these in interest among the British exhibits is probably the sheet of 400 "Penny Blacks," the world's first stamp.

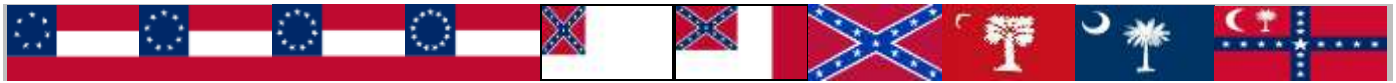


Part of the priceless General Post Office exhibit, these were sent over in the care of Frank Godden, well-known London stamp dealer and philatelic adviser to the G.P.O.

"I personally made the selection from the G.P.O.'s magnificent collection," Mr. Godden acknowledges. "These sheets of 'Penny Blacks' dated 1840 are the only ones in existence in the world. All stamps, as we know them today followed from these."

The early stamps had no perforations, but had to be cut apart with scissors. In 1841 the black stamp was discarded in favor of a red one, since it was found the cancellation mark did not show up on the black background.

Other countries soon adopted the idea of a stamp—Brazil in 1843 and the U. S. in 1845. Within ten years they were in use in almost every country.



Link to **YouTube** recording
Commander's Comment Broadcast
Thursday September 1, 7 PM CST

For those who were not able to see Commander's Comment Thursday night September 1, it is posted on YouTube at the link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Ec6ZSJ346Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ec6ZSJ346Y)

Thanks
Ron Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Operations, SCV

P.S. Lt. CiC Walter Donnie Kennedy has a new Facebook account.

Abbeville Institute

Tom Di Lorenzo on Lincoln

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt5Tj4CcMT8>

YouTube video "Follow the Money" by Tom DiLorenzo



Happy Birthday!

Camp Compatriots for October

Bob Ritter – October 3 Lee Duvall – October 27

Camp Officers

Ken Temples – Commander
Lee Duvall – 1st Lt. Commander
Blake Moore – 2nd Lt. Commander
Danny Brown - Adjutant

Bob Ritter - Treasurer
Mark LeGrand – Chaplain
Nathan Oxner – Color Sergeant

