

EYES AND EARS



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THANKS UDC AND VETERANS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April Meeting	24th 7:00pm
Education Day See 2d Lt. Cdr. Belcher	May 1st
Camp Picnic at Don Fox Park	May 10th

Special Observance Days:

- APRIL -CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH by Proclamation of the Division Commander.
- Apr. 5, 1865. Brig Gen James Dearing mortally wounded at Petersburg. Last CSA General to die in the War.
- Apr. 6-7, 1862. SHILOH.
- Apr. 14, 1820. Maj. Gen. Harry Thompson Hays, CSA, was born in Wilson County, Tennessee.

**Join us for
the March
Meeting on
Thursday,
Mar. 27, 7:00pm**

Commander's Corner...

Our February meeting was everything we envisioned and more. It was a great evening of fun, fellowship and celebration as the UDC decorated seven of our members with Military Crosses and Defense Medals for their service during times of war for our nation. There were almost 70

people in attendance that evening including the Wilson Post who wrote an article for the paper about the evening.

These decorations were for direct descendents of Confederate soldiers. I also found out that evening in talking with the UDC folks that they also have medals for those who have served in the military during war time that are collateral ancestors of Confederate soldiers. We have some members who

meet the criteria, and we need to get your names and begin the process of applying with the UDC for those members. Please let me or one of the staff members know if this applies to you so we can begin the process of application with you.

Also, I found out that evening that we have at least one or perhaps more direct descendents that may be eligible that missed the first decoration time frame.

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JOHN BRIDGES TO SPEAK - THREE COUSINS FROM MECHANICSVILLE

John Bridges grew up at the edge of the Stones River Battlefield near the town of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He learned to swim in the Overall Creek where fallen Rebels of the battle had bathed their wounds. Civil War history is his passion.

He has authored several books on Civil War topics. His , *Cap'n Tom- Crisis of Faith*, is the tale of his great-grandfather's adventures riding with the legendary cavalry raider, General John Hunt Morgan.

In addition to being a writer, John Bridges is a successful inventor with over 100 U. S. and foreign patents to his credit. As a hobby, Bridges collects and restores classic automobiles. Last but not least, Bridges is a musician

who specializes in southern music, from the Civil War era up to the present. In 2005 he and two other members of the Sam Davis camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans organized a band, the Coleman Scouts. Their new CD is called "*Are you from Dixie.*"

His latest book, *Three Cousins from Mechanicsville* follows the adventures of

Thomas Benton Smith who helped organize the 20th Tennessee Regiment and became the youngest general in the Confederate Army.

DeWitt S. Jobe was a Coleman Scout and like Sam Davis was captured and executed by the Yankees for not providing his source of information. Unlike Sam Davis, DeWitt S. Jobe was not given a trial and was tortured before he was murdered.

Dee Smith avenged DeWitt S. Jobe's death by indiscriminately killing dozens of Yankees before he was finally caught and shot.

It's sure to be a night of enlightenment on three of the Confederacy's finest.

We hope you can join us.



Mr. John Bridges. Author, Musician, Inventor and Native Tennessean.



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We also need to know which members this applies to so we can begin their application process.

Our 1st Lieutenant Commander, Dave Simpson, has another enjoyable and interesting program for March. We also have several important items of business to discuss. I look forward to seeing you the 27th of March.

Confederately,

Tom Wood

A Thank You From Our Members

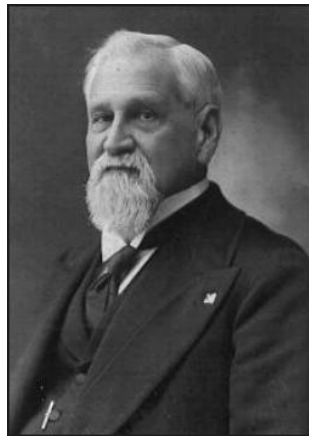
On behalf of the Officers and Camp Members we wish to express a special thank you to : Ms. Jo Hill, President , Tennessee Division, UDC; Ms. Charlotte Dies, President, Gen. Robert Hatton Chapter, UDC; Ms. Nelma Crutcher, Former Recorder of Military Service Awards, Tennessee Division, UDC; Ms. Teresa Deathridge and Ms. Ruth Cato, Gen. Robert Hatton Chapter, UDC; and the Gen. Robert Hatton Chapter, UDC as a whole for their efforts, time and dedication in the Medal Ceremony honoring our Veterans.

Lt. Gen. S. D. Lee's Journey - The Inspiration for Our Charge

The Commander has expressed the desire for all members of the Camp to know and read of the story of Gen. S. D. Lee, the man we quote when we remember our Charge

"To you Sons of the Confederate Veterans Remember, It is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Stephen Dill Lee was born on September 22, 1833, in Charleston, South Carolina, and was distantly related to Robert E. Lee. After graduating from West Point in 1854, he served in the US Army for seven years in artillery and staff positions. In February of 1861, he resigned and joined the Confederate Army. Lee was a member of Brig. Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard's staff at Fort Sumter, and performed well as an artillerist at the Second Battle of Manassas and Antietam. In Mississippi, he became an artillery Brigadier General, participating in the fighting at Chickasaw Bayou, Champion's Hill and the Siege of Vicksburg. Captured at Vicksburg, he was exchanged and promoted to Major General. In May of



BORN: 1833 in Charleston, SC.

DIED: 1908 in Vicksburg, MS.

CAMPAIGNS: Fort Sumter, Second Manassas, Antietam, Chickasaw Bayou, Champion's Hill, Vicksburg,, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, and the Carolinas.

HIGHEST RANK ACHIEVED:

Lieutenant General

1864, he was appointed Commander of the Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana. Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General from June 23, 1864, he led troops in the Atlanta Campaign, the Battle of Ezra Church and the Franklin and Nashville Campaign. He was wounded while retreating from Nashville, and was unable to return to active duty until the last Carolinas Campaign. He was surrendered in April of 1865. In the years after the Civil War, Lee lived in Mississippi. There, he worked as a farmer, a member of the state legislature and first President of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College (1878-97). One of the founders and active members of the United Confederate Veterans, Lee served as its president from 1904 to 1908. He also promoted women's rights, wrote about history and made efforts to preserve the Vicksburg battlefield sites. Lee died in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on May 29, 1908.



A Confederate Veteran Said It

"As a Confederate soldier and as a citizen of Virginia, I deny the charge, and denounce it as a calumny. We were not rebels; we did not fight to perpetuate human slavery, but for our rights and privileges under a government established over us by our fathers and in defense of our homes."

Colonel Richard Henry Lee of Virginia

Dedication of the Confederate Monument, Old Chapel, Clarke County, Virginia