

# SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



## Army of Trans-Mississippi

### Arkansas Division

#### Executive Council Meeting Minutes



28 August, 2021

1. The Arkansas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans held its Fall Division Executive Council (DEC) meeting on August 28, 2021 at the Whole Hog Café in Little Rock, Arkansas.
2. The Colors were posted prior to the convening of the DEC.
3. Welcome Loy Mauch, AR Division Commander.
4. Invocation by Andy Taylor, AR Division Chaplain.
5. Pledges to our Flags by Loy Mauch, AR Division Commander
6. Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans by Shaun Sinclair, Southern Brigade Commander
7. The meeting was called to order by Commander Loy Mauch at 10:05.
8. Division Adjutant Roll Call & Reports by Adjutant Johnny McKenzie

- a. Roll Call of the Camps by Johnny McKenzie, Arkansas Division Adjutant: 12 of 26 Camps had representatives in attendance plus six (6) Divisional Officers which DOES constituted a quorum at this DEC [Camps  $[26/2=13]$ ]; Five (5) of the ten (10) Division Officers were in attendance. A total of twenty (20) Compatriots of the Arkansas Division were in attendance; seven (7) Camp Commanders were present. One (1) guest were present. The roll call was answered as follows: Members present -

❖ Seven Generals #135	[Helena – CB]	0
❖ Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest #194	[Forrest City – NE]	1
❖ General Robert C. Newton #197	[Little Rock – CE]	6
❖ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regiment Arkansas Infantry #246	[El Dorado – SB]	0
❖ Private Job S. Neil #286	[Batesville- NE]	0
❖ General Dandridge McRae #397	[Searcy – NE]	1
❖ James H. Berry, #468	[Bentonville – NW]	0
❖ General Richard M. Gano #561	[Fort Smith – NW]	1
❖ Colonel Allen R. Witt #615	[Conway – CB]	0
❖ David O. Dodd #619	[Benton – CB]	1
❖ James M. Keller #648	[Hot Springs – CB]	2
❖ Captain John W. Randle #649	[Dardanelle – CB]	0
❖ 9 <sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment #652	[Star City – SB]	1
❖ Thomas C. Hindman #656	[Prairie Grove – NW]	3

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❖ General J. O. Shelby #1414	[Harrison – NW]	0
❖ General Patrick Cleburne #1433	[Pine Bluff – SB]	1
❖ Major Fontaine Earle #1453	[Fayetteville – NW]	0
❖ 27 <sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry #1519	[Mountain Home – NW]	0
❖ General Thomas Dockery #1577	[Magnolia – SB]	0
❖ Lieutenant Elbert Steel #1623	[Lewisville – SB]	0
❖ Colonel Robert G. Shaver #1655	[Jonesboro – NE]	1
❖ Major John B. Burton #1664	[Fouke – SB]	1
❖ Bonnie Blue #2070	[AR Division]	0
❖ Polk County Invincibles #2264	[Mena – CB]	0
❖ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. John Crawford Smith #2302	[Corning – NE]	0
❖ Seaborn Jones Cotton #2303	[Eureka Springs – NW]	1
❖ 15 <sup>th</sup> NW AR Infantry #2315	[Bentonville – NW]	0

AR Division Commander – Loy Mauch	Present
1st Lt. Commander – Roy Bowers	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander – Randall Freeman	Present
AR Division Adjutant – Johnny McKenzie	Present
Past Division Commander – Trip Wilson	NOT Present
Past Division Commander – Robert Edwards	Present
Past Division Commander – Ray Jones	Not Present
Southern Brigade Commander – Shaun Sinclair	Present
Northeast Brigade Commander – Tom Bird	Not Present
Northwest Brigade Commander – Crawford Gullett	Present
Central Brigade Commander – James Taylor	NOT Present

- b. Minutes from the April 24, 2021 AR Division Spring DEC Meeting were distributed prior to opening of the meeting – Motion made to accept the Minutes as presented by Kolten Massie, seconded by Shaun Sinclair, *motion passed*.

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c. Financial Report – Monies on hand as of 31-Jul-21

Southern Bancorp		Bank of America	
Scholarship	\$ 630.00	General Fund	\$ 3,575.59
General Fund	\$ 8,486.24	Heritage Defense	\$ 783.19
		License Plate	\$ 4,182.92
		Monument Fund	\$ 3,789.76
Pending	\$ 2,000.00	Pending	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 11,116.24	Total	\$ 14,331.46
AR Division Grand Total			\$25,447.70

Monies Distributed / Pending Deposited:

Monthly AMT = \$ 40.92 – Website

Annual AMT = \$ 142.50 – Website

Pending Expense for I-30 Flag Project, from Monument Fund (Bank of America) = \$2,000 + General Fund = \$2,000 (Southern Bancorp)

Outstanding Checks:

- 1) 1047 - \$500.00 Loy Mauch reimbursement for expenses to attend 2021 National Reunion
- 2) 1048 - \$500.00 Johnny McKenzie reimbursement for expenses to attend 2021 National Reunion

Pending Deposit to Southern Bancorp = \$0

Motion made to accept the Financials as presented by Danny Honnoll, seconded by Randall Freeman, *motion passed*.

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#### 9. Reports

- a. Essay & Scholarship Committee – Dan Ford – Not Present, Robert Edwards reported that three (3) essays were present, with CoVid-19 issues and different schools' issues stifled our efforts to reach the high schools. The winning essay was “The Arkansas State Flag” authored by Sophie Quick. The AR Division McCain Scholarship Essay awarded \$500.
- b. H.L. Hunley JROTC Award – PDC Trip Wilson – Not Present, no report was made.
- c. Membership/Recruiting Committee – PDC Everett Burr – Not Present, no report was made.
- d. Monument Committee update – PDC Everett Burr – Not Present, no report was made.
- e. Mechanized Cavalry – Company J, Commander, Capt. James Taylor – Not Present, report made by Shaun Sinclair: CoVid-19 continues to limit activities; but membership grew by three (3); over the past several months, Mec Cav was present at thirty-one (31) SCV activities; September 5<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled gathering at Mount Magazine State Park
- f. Confederate Graves Registry – PDC Robert Edwards – Present, The number continue to grow, 163,504+ Graves Registered; 2,909+ Cemeteries, 47 States, and 16 Countries. Send information related to AR Division Graves Registration to PDC Edwards.
- g. Guardian Program – Wayne Fuller has resigned at Guardian Program (GP) Coordinator. AR Division 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Row Bowers will oversee the GP till a permanent coordinator steps up. See New Business for details and additional information.
- h. SCV License Plates & Grants – Chairman Tom Bird – Not Present, Robert Edwards presented the information for 2021, fifty-seven (57) to date; 2020, a total of ninety-three (93) AR SCV License Plates. 2019 – 90, 2018 – 110. Need not be a SCV Member to purchase a license plate.
- i. Heritage Operations – Chairman John Ross Bryan – Not Present, Cmdr. Mauch reported that HB-1790 was defeated in part to the efforts of several members of the SCV AR Division. This House Bill would have eliminated the Confederate Flag Day. Cmdr. Mauch stated that we must remain diligent!

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#### 10. Brigade Commanders Reports:

- a. Southern Brigade – Shaun Sinclair – Present, Two (2) Camps – Star City – 9<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment, Camp 652 & Pine Bluff – General Patrick Cleburne, Camp, 1433 - working on cemeteries; no activities reported by other Camps – CoVid-19
- b. Northeast Brigade – Tom Bird – Not present, Danny Honnoll reports that Jonesboro - Colonel Robert G. Shaver, Camp 1655 has begun meeting again; no activities reported by other Camps – CoVid-19.
- c. Northwest Brigade – Crawford Gullett – Present, report given – Camps active – Seaborn Jones Cotton, Camp 2303; Thomas C. Hindman, Camp 656; James H. Berry, Camp 468 - assisting with Cemetery Care, along with Statues & Monuments.
- d. Central Brigade – James Taylor – No Present, report given by Robert Edwards, that David O. Dodd, Camp 619 has been active; General Robert C. Newton, Camp #197 conducted a David O. Dodd Memorial Service and activity working on cemetery care; Seven Generals, Camp #135 folded July 31, 2021 – Lawn mower sold for \$500 and funds deposited into the AR Division General Fund, Southern Bancorp.

#### 11. Old Business

##### a. Dues – Division

##### i. AR Division –

##### 1. 2020/21 Delinquent AR Division Dues – Camps:

a. Private Job S. Neill, Camp #286

b. General Thomas Dockery, Camp #1577 – *Check received on the 28<sup>th</sup>, payment for 2020-21 & 2021/22 cycles; Camp 1577 is no longer delinquent.*



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2. 2021/22 Dues is due by November 1<sup>st</sup>; considered late after January 8, 2022 (David O. Dodd Memorial Service/ Winter DEC on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022)
    - b. Update Camp Officers along with Meeting place, date & time – get corrected information to our web-master to update Web page.
    - c. Confederate Flag – I-30 Project is well on its way, issues from GEC – Grant lowered to \$5,000, there are dedicated AR Division Funds: \$2,000 (General Fund – Southern Bancorp) & \$2,000 (Bank of America – Monument Fund) available in conjunction with James M. Keller Camp 648 funds.
    - d. Maximum Effort – Camps need to stop scheduling activities on dates of the AR Division Activities; below are the 2021 / 2022 AR Division Schedule:
      - i. David O Dodd Memorial / Winter DEC, Little Rock – 8 January 2022
      - ii. General Patrick R. Cleburne Memorial, Helena – Noon on 12 March 2022
      - iii. Arkansas Confederate Flag Day, State Capital Grounds, Little Rock – 11 AM on 16 April 2022 (Easter Saturday)
      - iv. 2022 AR Division Reunion & DEC, Eureka Springs – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022
      - v. AR Division Executive Council (DEC) Fall Meeting, Little Rock – 10 AM on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022
    - e. Make Dixie Great Away – Cmdr. Mauch encouraged members to join in the Chat Program on Monday Nights at 7 PM CDT.
    - f. No other old business to discuss, moving onto New Business
12. New Business
- a. Cmdr. Mauch discussed the issues that remain regarding our Statutes & Monuments, he reminded us that they belong to the people, not the States or Cities. We need to show up and be counted to protect our Statutes & Monuments.
  - b. National Awards were presented by Cmdr. Mauch that Camps from the AR Division received during the 2021 SCV National Reunion – the General Robert C. Newton, Camp 197 was recognized for its' accomplishments.

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Guardian Program / Wayne Fuller – Contact with him had finally occurred, he has resigned at AR Division 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander and Guardian Program Coordinator. Monies (\$ 1,146) in the Guardian Fund are unaccounted for and are written off by actions of the DEC – 28-Aug-21. A motion was made to Sanction Wayne Fuller, prohibiting him from all AR Division activities for twelve (12) months starting immediately, made by Shaun Sinclair, seconded by Tony Sanders, *motion passed*. A second motion was made to zero the Guardian Program Fund (\$1,146.00) and start with the “Passing of the Hat”, made by Gary Moore, seconded by Robert Edwards, , *motion passed*.

c. No additional ‘News for the Good’ of the Division was brought forth.

## 13. Announcements:

a. The next AR DIV DEC Winter Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Noon, the Whole Hog Café, Little Rock; following the David O. Dodd Memorial Service.

14. Pass of the Hat was conducted – monies for the Guardian Program = \$365

15. Passing of the Hat for the Flag/Monument & Heritage Operations was not conducted – monies for the Flag – 50% Monument Fund & 50% Heritage Fund

16. Benediction given by Andy Taylor, Chaplain.

17. *The meeting was adjourned with the singing of “DIXIE”.*

## Summary of Key Motions:

- A motion was made to Sanction Wayne Fuller, prohibiting him from all AR Division activities for twelve (12) months starting immediately, made by Shaun Sinclair, seconded by Tony Sanders, *motion passed*.
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Approved by:

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Johnny L. McKenzie, Division Adjutant

Lou Mauch, Division Commander

*2021 Fall DEC, Whole Hog Café, Little Rock, AR*

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Location

Date

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