

**Next Meeting
December
17th
Rose Center
6:00 PM**

Southern Heritage

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Amazing, isn't it!
Another year is done, whether we like it or not. Some are better than others but, they all get faster. It is up to us all to do something worthwhile with at least part of our time on this planet so that we can leave it at least slightly better off for having put up with us for a while. Those of us in the SCV believe that helping perpetuate the positive things from our history is one way of making this contribution. Man without his human history is merely the most technologically adept of the beasts. Without his spiritual history, he is the most viscous. Knowledge of either seems at a record low. Our work is in front of us!

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins



One more last minute reminder!! Our Christmas Meeting will be on December 17th at the Rose Center. We will gather for a wonderful covered dish dinner and fellowship for our Christmas Party. The camp will supply the meat, bread and drinks. Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The gathering will start at 5:00 PM with the meal to follow at 6:00. The low key family atmosphere of this event seems to be appreciated by everyone in this hectic season.

Since we have had several

Christmas Party

expenses lately, our camp funds are getting low. So, instead of exchanging personal gifts, we will take donations during our meeting to help build our funds back up so that we will be prepared when they are needed. We will have door prizes as usual. If you would like to donate one, this would be greatly appreciated.

We also need to remember our flag fund. We have a wonderful location to display our flag at Bethesda Church, but they do not last long. If you

check out our flag at Bethesda, you can observe the strip of material raveling from the bottom. It appears that we might as



well plan on keeping a spare.

The Bradford - Rose Camp extends our wish for a wonderful Christmas to all our members, families and other friends. Enjoy and be safe and well in the coming year. We hope to see all of you soon.



Tennessee Soldiers

[More Tennessee Soldiers from The Original Confederate Veteran Magazine.](#)

Rev. D. C. Kelley, DD

Rev. D.C. Kelley, D.D., was born in Leesville, Wilson County, Tenn., in 1833; and died in Nashville in 1909. He was sent as a missionary to China by the M.E. Church, South and for years did very noble work. On his return to America he organized a company of cavalry which was called Kelley's Troop and which served under Gen. N.B. Forrest and was with that gallant commander during the war. D.C. Kelley so distinguished himself for coolness in action and bravery in face of danger that he was rapidly pro-

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moted, being made major of battalion. He was elected lieutenant colonel of Forrest's Regiment the day before the battle of Shiloh and took the duty in the battle of Murfreesboro. He was on Forrest's staff as chaplain and aid. Afterwards he commanded a regiment, then a brigade till the end of the war, winning a brilliant reputation as "Forrest's fighting preacher".

At the end of the war he was made pastor of several of the largest Methodist Churches in Tennessee. Here his influence for good was widely felt, as in his upright life and true Christianity, he was an example of what a noble man should be.

[Confederate Veteran, August, 1909 issue](#)

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Thomas B. Kirkland

THOMAS B. KIRKLAND, of India, Henry County, Tenn., was a member of the 5th Tennessee Infantry and the old original 154th Regulars. He was severely wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. To the end he was as true as a soldier could be. He was a member of JOE KENDALL Camp, U.C.V. of Paris, Tenn. He died in July, 1918, at the age of 79 years, leaving his wife and one son. A tribute to his memory is recorded in the minutes of the Camp.

John Fletcher Knowles

John Fletcher Knowles, age 88, a Confederate soldier, who enlisted with the first company

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Hog Trough

Upcoming Dates to Remember!



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Down in the "Hog Trough"

Saturday September 7th, 2005 was an outstanding day for SCV Camp 1638. A memorial service for two Confederate soldiers was to be held near Sneedville.

Pvt. Jackson R. Russell of Co. D 63rd TN Infantry and his brother-in-law Pvt. Stogner Bray of Co. H 61st TN Mounted Infantry now had new military headstones. Compatriot Warren Ridley and Commander Mike Beck were asked by the Reed family to speak a few words in remembrance of these men.

After a trip that started at the Briar Creek Baptist Church, we drove several miles way out into

the country. We ended up at the Old Bray Cemetery down in an area known as the "Hog Trough" near Jackson's Ridge. This area, at one time, was the farm and home of both of these soldiers. A once fine farm was now a grown up wilderness.

About 40 Reed family members made the trip to the Cemetery, and they were not disappointed, as Commander Beck and Compatriot Ridley did a great job.

The family in attendance said that it was a day, and an event, that they would long be proud to remember.

Camp members in attendance were: Commander Mike Beck, Warren Ridley, Doug Rosenbalm, Bill Henderson, Doris Rosenbalm and our good friend Jim Claborn.

I am proud to say that Pvt. Russell is my Great-Great-Uncle and I would like to thank Debra Reed for her long hard work in researching this project. Debra is my cousin and is the same relation to both men that I am.

Reported by Compatriot Bill Henderson



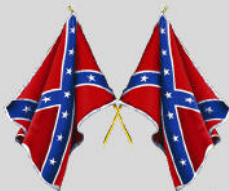
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formed in his community and took part in every skirmish and battle of the company during the entire four years of conflict, died on March 25, 1929, at his home near Peeled Chestnut, in White County, Tenn.

"Uncle Fletcher", as he was affectionately called, was a strong Christian character and

devoted both to the Sunday school and the church, the Southern Methodist. He had been married five times, his last wife, who was Mrs. Mary Jones Knowles, surviving him with the children of these marriages.

<http://www.tngenweb.org/civilwar/confvet/>



Instead of our January Monthly Meeting, we will be joining the Knoxville Camp in their Birthday Celebration for General Lee and General Jackson. This will be held on January 21st. We hope to have more details soon.