

**Next Meeting
December 16
At Rose
Center
Meet 5:00 PM
Eat 6:00 PM**

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I recently helped my son get started in the chicken business. It is my intention that he learn some responsibility and gain a better understanding of his farm roots. Time will tell how well this works. It has given me some thought as well. How many of our Confederate ancestors dreamed of getting their hands one just one chicken or a handful of the eggs they produce? The produce that is helpful and interesting to us could be life itself to them in a hungry December. It could be equally important to the civilians they sometimes felt compelled to take them from. We should be eternally grateful for the bounty we will enjoy this Christmas.

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins



Christmas Dinner & Meeting

December 16th



Please note that the Christmas Dinner and Meeting has been rescheduled for December 16th. Because of conflicts arising from the hectic Christmas season, it has been moved up one week.

Our camp will provide the meat, drinks, and bread as in the past. We ask that all camp members bring your favorite vegetables, side dishes and desserts. This usually works out great as we have many good cooks in our camp.

As has been our custom, we will begin gathering at 5:00 PM with the meal at 6:00 PM. Donations for charity will be collected as well.

We will also have the usual gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a \$20 gift. This is always a lot of fun.

If you have been attending this event in the past, you know that the relaxed and easy going atmosphere is a nice change from the typical pace we have to deal with at this time of year.

If you haven't been attending, maybe this would be a good year to start. One trip to the mall will convince you that a more casual evening is in order. We hope to see you and your family there.



UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

An Account of the Organization, Aims and Purposes of This Association. List of Officers, Etc.

The formation at Richmond last week of the Federation to be known as the United Sons of Confederate Veterans should receive the commendation and support of all true Southerners. Its aims, objects and purposes are not to create or foster in any manner, any feeling against the North, but to hand down to posterity the "story of the glory of the men who wore the gray."

Knowing that "in union there is strength," the sons of those who made the South famous have come together for the systematic and united work of preserving from oblivion the true history of the South. That this step meets with the hearty ap-

proval of the "men who wore the gray" is shown by the following resolution, which was adopted at the Convention of the United Confederate Veterans at Richmond, at their regular session.

"Resolved, That this session provide at once for the formation of Sons of Confederate Veterans into a separate national organization. This is urgent from the manifold fact that our ranks are thinning daily, and our loved representatives should step in now and arrange to take charge of Southern history, our relics, mementos and monuments, and stimulate the erection of other monuments to our heroes ere 'taps' are sounded for the last of their fathers."

But before this resolution was adopted the Sons had taken matters in their own hands, and on the evening of June 30th, met at the Auditorium at Richmond, and arranged for the organization of a Federation themselves. At this meeting a committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for the new Association. but they were unable to prepare the same that evening, and the session adjourned at 11 o'clock, to meet the next day.

On July 1st the delegates from the Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans from the various Southern States, who had been called by the R. E. Lee Camp of Richmond, to assemble for the purpose of forming this Association, adopted a Constitution similar in every respect to the Constitution governing the Unit-

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Our December
Monthly Meeting
will be on
December 16th
Gather at 5:00 P.M.
Eat at 6:00 P. M.
*Please note this is
one week early
because of
Christmas*



We normally do not
meet in January so
that our members
can support the
Knoxville Camp in
their
*Lee Jackson
Dinner.*

UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS continued

ed Confederate Veterans, and permanently organized the United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The preamble of this Constitution reads: "To encourage the preservation of history, perpetuate the hallowed memories of brave men, to assist in the observance of Memorial Day, to aid and support all Confederate Veterans, widows and orphans, and to perpetuate the record of the services of every Southern Soldier, these are our common aims. These objects we believe will both promote a purer and better private life, and enhance our desire to maintain the "national honor, union and independence of our common country.

The organization of this Association is composed of departments, divisions, brigades and Camps.

The Federation has an Executive Head and three Departments, entitled Army of Northern Virginia Department, consisting of the States of North and South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky.

The Army of Tennessee Department, consisting of the States of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. The Trans-Mississippi Department, consisting of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi

excepting Louisiana. Each State constitutes a division and is commanded by a Major General; the Departments are commanded by a Lieutenant General. The States are furthermore divided into brigades which also have their commanders. In this way the work is thoroughly systematized and is so arranged that the most excellent results can be readily obtained.

The officers elected at this first Convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans were as follows: Mr. J. E. B. Stuart, of Richmond, General Commanding; Mr. Robert A. Smyth, of Charleston, Lieutenant General in command of the Department of Northern Virginia; Mr. John L. Hardeman, of Macon, Ga., Lieutenant General in command of the Department of Tennessee. The election of the Lieutenant General of the Trans-Mississippi Department was deferred until the organization of State Divisions in that Department; Mr. R. H. Pinckney, of Charleston, Quartermaster General; Mr. George B. Williamson, of Columbia, Tenn., Inspector General; Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Richmond, Surgeon General; Mr. E. P. McKissick, of Ashville, N. C., Commissary General; Bishop T. F. Gailor, of Tennessee, Grand Chaplain; Mr. T. R.

K. Cobb, of Atlanta, Ga., Judge Advocate General.

The officers of this new Association are exerting every effort to thoroughly organize and build up the same, and to this end their efforts will be directed to the formations of Camps of Sons in every city and town of the South.

According to the Constitution the Convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans is held at the same time and place as the United Confederate Veterans, so that the next convention will meet at Nashville, Tenn.

The General Commanding has the power to appoint a staff to aid him in his work, as have also the Lieutenant Generals and the Commanders of Divisions. General J. E. B. Stuart has appointed Mr. Edwin P. Cox, of Richmond, Va., his Adjutant General and Chief of Staff. The remainder of his staff has not yet been appointed. The Lieutenant Generals have not as yet appointed their staff.

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This article was taken from the Confederate Veteran Website listed below.

<http://www.researchonline.net/cvm/1896/art969.htm>



Always remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. It's not to get and give presents, but worship the greatest gift of all - - - Jesus Christ

**PLEASE NOTE:
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ONE WEEK EARLY BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS**