

**Next Meeting**  
**June 28th**  
**6:00**  
**At The**  
**Rose Center**  
**In Morristown**

# Southern Heritage

**Bradford / Rose Camp # 1638**

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Those of you who have been receiving your newsletter by email are now on mail. Why you ask? Between printing the newsletters and sending the email, I was hit with a virus which wiped out part of my computer. As my email addresses were among the casualties, I must ask you to send them to me again (see page 2). You know, I disagree with thievery, but I can understand it. Vandalism, on the other hand, baffles me, especially when the vandal will never even see the damage. This kind of thing seems indicative of the loss of manners, civility and the general coarsening of our society. The traditional South isn't the only culture to value manners and civility, but we were foremost on this continent. I have seen much of this slip away during my lifetime. Let's try to pass some of this on before it's all gone. It's part of keeping the South Southern.

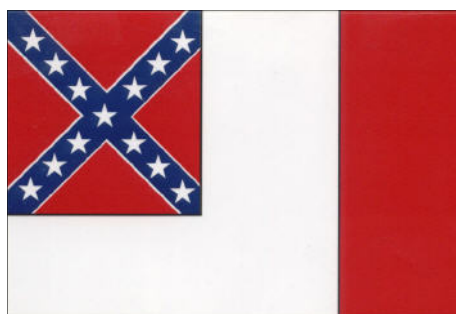
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*Larry W. Watkins*

## Flag Pole at Bethesda and Other Camp News

Another Confederate Memorial Day has come and gone. Bradford - Rose camp continued our tradition of decorating Confederate graves in the area. We seem to be constantly adding to the list of known grave sites. We appreciate all members, family and friends who assisted with the placement of flags. We are, of course, still open to any donations toward the cost of all these flags.

As of June 14th the base for our new flagpole at Bethesda is in place. It was a fine day of digging East Tennessee red clay and mixing concrete in the sunshine. If someone wants to push this flagpole down, they may have a challenge from the 4160 pounds of concrete it is sitting in. The pole itself should be in place by the end of the month. The flag we have chosen to fly is the Third National. If anyone would like to sponsor part of this flag, contact commander Beck.



**REMEMBER!!** The Nathan Bedford Forrest Picnic, the date is July 12 and the location is Bethesda Church. This will be a covered dish lunch. We will be having a program as well as the flagpole dedication. Getting this flagpole installed is a real accomplishment for our camp. Rumor has it that the Division Commander may be there. The plan is for guests to arrive at 11:00 AM, lunch at 12:00 PM with things wrapping

up around 4:00 PM. We need for members to be there early to help prepare. This is one of the high points of our calendar, so, we need all the camp participation that we can get.

The camp has decided that we do want to have a celebration of our tenth anniversary.

We will get into more specifics after the Nathan Bedford Forrest picnic. We are investigating the possibility of getting Stan Clardy to do his "Soldiers in Gray" musical. He was featured at the 2003 Lee - Jackson Dinner and is an excellent performer. Several of us who were in attendance at this event expressed interest in seeing it again. Stay tuned!

**Elections are coming up. All positions are up for election. Please consider a position.**

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## Do You Have E-Mail?

We now have the capability of sending the newsletter by e-mail. By doing this, we are saving the camp a considerable amount of money for printing and mailing.



If you are not currently receiving your newsletter by e-mail and would like to do so, please send us your e-mail address and the next issue will be sent electronically.

Send your information to [lwatkins@earthlink.net](mailto:lwatkins@earthlink.net) and title it SCV Newsletter

## Farewell to the Army of Northern Virginia

Farewell to the  
Army of Northern Virginia  
by Robert E. Lee

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the survivors of so many hard-fought battles who have remained steadfast to the last that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them; but feeling that

valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen. By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged.

You may take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that

a merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

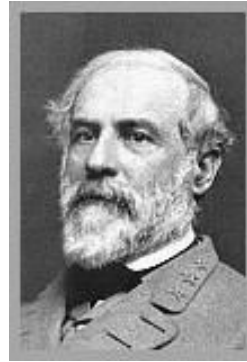
With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

Taken from the Internet:  
[http://www.usflag.org/confederate\\_stars.and.bars.html](http://www.usflag.org/confederate_stars.and.bars.html)

## The Character of Lee

The Character of Lee  
by John Williams Jones

He possessed every virtue of the great commanders, without their vices. He was a foe without hate; a friend without treachery; a private citizen without wrong; a neighbor without reproach; a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guilt. He was a Caesar without his ambition; a Frederick without his tyranny; a Napoleon without his selfishness; and a Washington without his reward. He was obedient to authority



as a servant, and loyal in authority as a true king. He was gentle as a woman in life; modest and pure as a virgin in thought; watchful as a Roman vestal in duty; submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles.

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## He Lost a War and Won Immortality

He Lost a War and  
Won Immortality  
by Louis Redmond

Even among the free, it is not always easy to live together. There came a time, less than a hundred years ago, when the people of this country disagreed so bitterly among themselves that some of them felt they could not go on living with the rest.

A test of arms was made to decide whether Americans should remain one nation or become two. The armies of those who believed in two nations were led by a man named Robert E. Lee.

What about Lee? What kind of man was he who nearly split the history of the United States down the middle and made two separate books of it?

They say you had to see him to believe that a man so fine could exist. He was handsome. He was

clever. He was brave. He was gentle. He was generous and charming, noble and modest, admired and beloved. He had never failed at anything in his upright soldier's life. He was a born winner, this Robert E. Lee. Except for once. In the greatest contest of his life, in the war between the South and the North, Robert E. Lee lost.

Now there were men who came with smouldering eyes to Lee and said: "Let's not accept this result as final. Let's keep our anger alive. Let's be grim and unconvinced, and wear our bitterness like a medal. You can be our leader in this."

But Lee shook his head at those men. "Abandon your animosities," he said, "and make your sons Americans."

And what did he do himself when his war was lost? He took a job as president of a tiny college, with forty students and four profes-

sors, at a salary of \$1500 a year. He had commanded thousands of young men in battle. Now he wanted to prepare a few hundred of them for the duties of peace. So the countrymen of Robert E. Lee saw how a born winner loses, and it seemed to them that in defeat he won his most lasting victory.

There is an art of losing, and Robert E. Lee is its finest teacher. In a democracy, where opposing viewpoints regularly meet for a test of ballots, it is good for all of us to know how to lose occasionally, how to yield peacefully, for the sake of freedom. Lee is our master in this. The man who fought against the Union showed us what unity means.

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# Speeches from General Forrest

## General Forrest and General Bragg

A rich quote on General Forrest and General Bragg may be found in Andrew Nelson Lytle's book: "Bedford Forrest and His Critter Company". The upshot of this quote was to explain that Forrest should have known better than to so passionately and directly confront a character like Gen. Bragg.

"In the end, the man who is ambitious and designing always triumphs over a man like Forrest. ... In the Wilderness panthers know by instinct they can't mess with pole-cats." Andrew Nelson Lytle

These words were written regarding outcome of the great insubordination incident in which Forrest spoke these words to his commanding officer, General Braxton Bragg in the presence of Forrest's doctor, Dr. Cowan. It was Lytle's belief that this rift between Forrest and Bragg hurt the South's military capability enough that it became a major reason that the South ultimately lost the war, because Forrest could not play politics well enough to succeed under the likes of Gen. Bragg.

Forrest's scolding against Bragg in fall 1863, is regarded by some as the greatest insubordination speech ever given by a US military officer:

"You commenced your cowardly and contemptible persecution of me soon after the battle of Shiloh, and you have kept it up ever since. You did it because I reported to Richmond facts, while you reported damned lies. You robbed me of my command in Kentucky, and gave it to one of your personal favorites -- men that I armed and equipped from the enemies of our country. In a spirit of revenge and spite, because I would not fawn upon you as others did, you drove me into West Tennessee in the winter of 1862, with a second brigade I had organized, with improper arms and without sufficient ammunition, although I had made repeated applications for the same. You did it to ruin me and my career.

"When in spite of all this I returned with my command, well equipped by captures, you began your work of spite and persecution, and have kept it up. And now this second brigade, organized and equipped without thanks to you or the government, a brigade which has won a reputation for successful fighting second to none in the army,

taking advantage of your position as the commanding general in order to further humiliate me, you have taken these brave men from me.

"I have stood your meanness as long as I intend to. You have played the part of a damned scoundrel, and are a coward, and if you were any part of a man I would slap your jaws and force you to resent it.

"You may as well not issue any more orders to me, for I will not obey them. And I will hold you personally responsible for any further indignities you try to inflict upon me.

"You have threatened to arrest me for not obeying you orders promptly. I dare you to do it, and I say that if you ever again try to interfere with me or cross my path, it will be at the peril of your life."

Reportedly, Bragg's face was totally white when Forrest left. After exiting Bragg's tent. Dr. Cowan told him, "Well, you are in for it now.". Forrest turned and replied, "He'll never open his mouth. Unless you or I mention it, this will never be known."

This incident was reported later in detail by Forrest's doctor, Dr. Cowan.



Lt. General Nathan  
Bedford Forrest's  
Farewell Address To His Troops

Headquarters,  
Forrest's Cavalry Corps  
Gainsville, Alabama  
May 9, 1865

## SOLDIERS:

By an agreement made between Liet.-Gen. Taylor, commanding the Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, and Major-Gen.

Canby, commanding United States forces, the troops of this department have been surrendered.

I do not think it proper or necessary at this time to refer to causes which have reduced us to this extremity; nor is it now a matter of material consequence to us how such results were brought about. That we are BEATEN is a self-evident fact, and any further resistance on our part would justly be regarded as the very height of folly and rashness.

The armies of Generals LEE and JOHNSON having surrendered. you are the last of all the troops of the Confederate States Army east of the Mississippi River to lay down your arms.

The Cause for which you have so long and so manfully struggled, and for which you have braved dangers, endured privations, and sufferings, and made so many sacrifices, is today hopeless. The government which we sought to establish and perpetuate, is at an end. Reason dictates and humanity demands that no more blood be shed. Fully realizing and feeling that such is the case, it is your duty and mine to lay down our arms -- submit to the "powers that be" -- and to aid in restoring peace and establishing law and order throughout the land.

The terms upon which you were surrendered are favorable, and should be satisfactory and acceptable to all. They manifest a spirit of magnanimity and liberality, on the part of the Federal authorities, which should be met, on our part, by a faithful compliance with all the stipulations and conditions therein expressed. As your Commander, I sincerely hope that every officer and soldier of my command will cheerfully obey the orders given, and carry out in good faith all the terms of the cartel.

Those who neglect the terms and refuse to be paroled, may assuredly expect, when arrested, to be sent North and imprisoned. Let those who are absent from their commands, from whatever cause, report at once to this place, or to Jackson, Miss.; or, if too remote from either, to the nearest United States post or garrison, for parole.

Civil war, such as you have just passed through naturally engenders feelings of animosity, hatred, and revenge. It is our duty to divest our-



*We would also like to apologize if you gave us your e-mail address and are not receiving your newsletter this way. We received a list at one of our monthly meetings and it seems to have vanished. So if you gave it to us, please give it to us again. We will try to keep it from disappearing again. We have also had some computer Problems which are now resolved.*



## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

**The June Monthly meeting will be at The Rose Center on June 28th at 6:00**

**The July Meeting will be the Nathan Bedford Forrest Picnic on July 12th at 11:00 AM at Bethesda Church Members be there early!**

**The August Monthly meeting will be at The Rose Center on August 26th at 6:00**



**Forrest Picnic**

## Upcoming Events

### July

1-6 Week of Bettysburg 140th

19-20 Weber City, VA  
**Battle**

### August

9-10 Piegion Forge  
**Battle** (Maybe)

23-24 Saltville, VA  
**Battle**

30-31 Richmond, KY  
**Battle**

### September

6-7 Bar Bourville

### October

3-5 Tullahoma, TN  
**Battle**

18-19 Blue Springs, TN  
**Battle**

25-26 Rose Center  
Living History

### November

1-2 Atlanta  
**Fight**

8-9 Ft. Dickerson  
Living History

29-30 Bleak House Christmas  
Living History



## Speeches from General Forrest **continued**

selves of all such feelings; and as far as it is in our power to do so, to cultivate friendly feelings towards those with whom we have so long contended, and heretofore so widely, but honestly, differed. Neighborhood feuds, personal animosities, and private differences should be blotted out; and, when you return home, a manly, straightforward course of conduct will secure the respect of your enemies. Whatever your responsibilities may be to Government, to society, or to individuals meet them like men.

The attempt made to establish a separate and independent Confederation has failed; but the consciousness of having done your duty

faithfully, and to the end, will, in some measure, repay for the hardships you have undergone.

In bidding you farewell, rest assured that you carry with you my best wishes for your future welfare and happiness. Without, in any way, referring to the merits of the Cause in which we have been engaged, your courage and determination, as exhibited on many hard-fought fields, has elicited the respect and admiration of friend and foe. And I now cheerfully and gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to the officers and men of my command whose zeal, fidelity and unflinching bravery have been the great source of my past success in arms.

I have never, on the field of battle, sent you where I was unwilling to go myself; nor would I now advise you to a course which I felt myself unwilling to pursue. You have been good soldiers, you can be good citizens. Obey the laws, preserve your honor, and the Government to which you have surrendered can afford to be, and will be, magnanimous.

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N.B. Forrest, Lieut.-General  
Headquarters, Forrest's Cavalry  
Corps  
Gainesville, Alabama  
May 9, 1865

