

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

15 October 2016
GEC Meeting
General Headquarters, Elm Springs

Approval: January 18, 2017

Called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Thos. V. Strain, Jr. at 8:30 AM CDT.

Invocation given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Ray Parker.

Pledge to the U. S. Flag lead by AOT Councilman Jason Boshers.

Salute to the Confederate Flag lead by AOT Councilman Jason Boshers.

Charge recited by ANV Commander Ronnie Roach.

Roll Call Was Conducted by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr.

The Roll was called by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash reporting 15 of 16 members present thereby establishing a quorum. (8 are *required*)

Thos. V. Strain, Jr.	Commander-in-Chief		Chuck McMichael	Past Commander-in-Chief
Paul Gramling, Jr.	Lt. Commander-in-Chief		Doug Nash, Jr.	Adjutant-in-Chief
Ronnie Roach	ANV Commander		Terry Klima	ANV Councilman
Larry McCluney, Jr.	AOT Commander		Jason Boshers	AOT Councilman
Johnnie Holley	ATM Commander		Darrell Maples	ATM Councilman
Charles Lauret	Chief of Staff		Scott D. Hall	Judge Advocate-in-Chief
C. Kelly Barrow	Past Commander-in-Chief		Carl V. Jones II	Chief of Heritage Operations
Michael Givens	Past Commander-in-Chief		Dr. Ray Parker	Chaplain-in-Chief

* Not present.

Non-Voting: Executive Director Michael Landree.

Others attendees: James Patterson, Randee Kaiser, Ross Lane, Dr. Herman White, Todd Owens, Joe Nokes, Conner Bonds, Ken Steadman, Jimmy Hill and Frank Leatherwood.

Note: Past CIC's are not obligated to attend GEC meetings and therefore, if absent, are not counted as part of the required quorum (Reference Section 7.5.3 of the SCV Constitution). The actual quorum is based on 13 members.

First Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Carl V. Jones II discussed two (2) requests for flag funding.

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief and second of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to provide \$4,000.00 from the Heritage Operations Fund for the Alabama I22 flag project near the town of Cordova contingent upon submission of a copy of the 99-year lease to the Judge Advocate for review.

Upon the motion of ATM Councilman Darrell Maples and the second of AOT Councilman Jason Boshers the GEC voted, with one abstention, to not fund the West Virginia flag request near the city of Moorefield pending receipt of additional information.

Second Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. and the second of AOT Councilman Jason Boshers the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 GEC Teleconference as submitted.

Third Order of Business:

Executive Director Michael Landree gave his report.

Fourth Order of Business:

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. gave his report which included discussion of the upcoming Recruitment/Retention/Heritage Operation seminars to be conducted throughout the Confederation.

Fifth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the amended General Guidelines and Requirements for Hosting a SCV Reunion submitted by the Convention Committee.

Upon the motion of AOT Commander Larry McCluney and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Carl Jones the GEC voted, without objection, to approve amendments to the Debutante Planning Guide and the inclusion of same as a subparagraph of paragraph 25 of the General Guidelines and Requirements for Hosting a SCV Reunion making these two (2) documents a single document.

Sixth Order of Business:

Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. commented that all upkeep/improvement of properties owned by GHQ be planned for and included in the annual budget rather than being requested through the Budget and Finance Committee. This is to happen beginning next year.

Seventh Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Thos. V. Strain, Jr. will appointed a Property Oversight Committee to oversee GHQ properties.

Eighth Order of Business:

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall discussed the issue of the separation of GHQ from the Sam Davis Youth Camp in the legal/liability aspect.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens and the second of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to give the Sam Davis Youth Camp all real property and funds in its possession, free advertising in the Confederate Veteran at our discretion, to be reviewed at the beginning of each new administration, suggest that they choose their Board of Directors from SCV membership, but not to provide the additional \$150,000.00 requested.

Ninth Order of Business:

Tennessee Division Commander James Patterson discussed the Forrest Boyhood Home and the need to increase its annual budget.

Recessed for dinner at 11:34 CDT.

Resumed session at 12:15 CDT.

Tenth Order of Business:

Historian-in-Chief M. Todd Owens discussed SCV records being held by various University/State archives around the national and the need to request that they be returned to us.

Eleventh Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief presented commission certificates to those who did not attend the event at Henry Horton State Park, Tennessee in August 2016.

Twelfth Order of Business:

Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Ray Parker discussed a possible May 2017 date for the next Chaplains Conference.

Thirteenth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens discussed the need to print additional copies of *To Live and Die In Dixie* for sale on Amazon and the provision of a Kindle version.

Fourteenth Order of Business:

Dr. Herman White thanked the GEC for having presented him with the Gen. R. E. Lee gold medal.

Fifteenth Order of Business:

Confederate Museum Donations:

Ross Lane presented a donation of \$2,000.00 from the Alamo City Guards Camp 1325 of San Antonio, Texas.

ATM Councilman Darrell Maples presented a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Missouri Division.

ATM Commander Johnnie Holley presented a donation of \$11,000.00 from various folks in Texas.

B/G Mosby Monroe Parsons Camp 178 of Jefferson City, Missouri donated \$1,000.00.

Sixteenth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Thos. V. Strain, Jr. gave his report.

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. and the second of AOT Commander Larry McCluney the GEC voted, without objection, to accept the “Design Build” concept for the National Confederate Museum.

Seventeenth Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Carl V. Jones II along with Alabama Division Commander James Hill and Brigade Commander Frank Leatherwood discussed a possible lawsuit against Anniston, Alabama for its ordinance prohibiting the display of Confederate flags. No lawsuit will be entered without further investigation and hard evidence.

Eighteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. and the second of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session.

Entered Executive Session at 1:14 CDT to discuss pending disciplinary and other personnel issues.

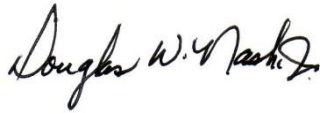
Resumed Open Session at 2:20 CDT.

Nineteenth Order of Business:

Tennessee Division United Daughters of the Confederacy President Matilda Speck addressed the GEC to formally present the Vanderbilt University Confederate Memorial Hall stone for erection somewhere on Historic Elm Springs and a \$1,000.00 donation for the National Confederate Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM CDT with the benediction given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Ray Parker and the singing of Dixie followed by the National Confederate Museum ground breaking.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas W. Nash, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Douglas W. Nash, Jr.
Adjutant-in-Chief