

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

11 March 2017

GEC Meeting

National Headquarters, Elm Springs

Approval: July 19, 2017

Called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Thos. V. Strain, Jr. at 10:03 AM CT.

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

Flag Pledge and Salute lead by Chief of Staff Charles Lauret.

Charge read by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow.

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

The Roll was called by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash reporting 14 of 16 members present thereby establishing a quorum. (8 are *required*)

Thos. V. Strain, Jr.	Commander-in-Chief		Kelly Barrow	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 Hall	Judge Advocate-in-Chief
Charles McMichael	Past Commander-in-Chief		Carl Jones	Chief of Heritage Operations
Michael Givens	Past Commander-in-Chief		Dr. Ray Parker	Chaplain-in-Chief

*** Not present.**

Non-Voting: Executive Director Michael Landree, Mike Cross, Dr. Herman White, Lee Millar, Ed Deason, Zack Pugh III, Dennis Brand, Connor Bond, Alan Doyle and Dave Andrews.

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:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. and the second of Chief of Staff Charles Lauret the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the GEC Teleconference minutes of January 31, 2017.

Second Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Carl Jones gave report.

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of ANV Councilman Terry Kilma the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the General Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215, Memphis, Tennessee, request for \$4,000.00 from the Heritage Defense Fund for the purchase of 4.6 acres near the new interchange of I - 69 connecting to the new I-22 interchange for the placement of a Mega Flag.

Upon the motion of AOT Councilman Jason Boshers and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the Pvt. William M. Carney Camp 2088, Atmore, Alabama, request for \$750.00 from the Heritage Defense Fund to purchase a Canoe billboard to supplement the monument, flag and sign on route 31.

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 General Lloyd Tilghman Camp 1495, Paducah, Kentucky, request for \$5,850.00 for the purchase of ½ acre parking lot adjacent to Arant Confederate Park. Funds will come from the Katen Miller Fund.

Third Order of Business:

Executive Director Michael Landree gave report.

Fourth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. and the second of AOT Larry McCluney the GEC voted, without objection, to revoke the charters for the following camps which have not maintained the necessary seven (7) members and move their members to McCain Camp 584 until such time as those members can find another local camp to join or until the camps are able to regain sufficient members to have their charters reinstated.

Camps:

1527, Ragland, Alabama
83, Jacksonville, Florida
285, Pensacola, Florida
534, Palatka, Florida
1462, Wauchua, Florida
1958, Newton, Georgia
1789, Nashville, Georgia
1853, Darien, Georgia
1908, Lakeland, Georgia
37, Chapel Hill, Tennessee

2019, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
211, Grenada, Mississippi
85, Lexington, North Carolina
229, Haywood County, North Carolina
1841, Rowan County, North Carolina
2167, Green Mountain, North Carolina
2242, Albemarle, North Carolina
2219, Yukon, Oklahoma
436, Cleburne, Texas

Fifth Order of Business:

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall gave report.

Sixth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Carl Jones the GEC voted, without objection, to bestow upon Dr. Sandy Keathley a Life Membership as compensation for his many years of service as the Headquarters Webmaster.

GEC recessed for dinner at 12:06 PM CT.

GEC resumed session at 1:00 PM CT.

Seventh Order of Business:

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. gave report.

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 change prorated dues to reflect only available to new members.

Eighth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Chief of Staff Charles Lauret and the second of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to give only a thirty (30) days vice ninety (90) days grace period for payment of dues beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This would set the date before a member is considered delinquent at midnight August 31st each year.

Ninth Order of Business:

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

Upon the motion of Chief of Heritage Operations Carl Jones and the second of ANV Councilman Terry Klima the GEC voted, without objection, to propose to the General Membership at the Memphis, Tennessee Reunion, July 2017, the following amendment to the SCV Constitution:

Purpose:

The purpose of this amendment is to assist the Camps and Division Leadership in assuring that a Camp has the ability to survive more than one year if they do not retain a member.

Current Reading

4. CAMPS

4.1. Formation. The basic unit of the Confederation shall be the Camp. Seven or more individuals in possession of the prescribed eligibility qualifications as set forth herein may make application for a charter as a Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. Each Camp shall have a name and be assigned a number by General Headquarters.

New Reading

4. CAMPS

4.1. Formation. The basic unit of the Confederation shall be the Camp. ~~Seven~~ **Ten (10)** or more individuals in possession of the prescribed eligibility qualifications as set forth herein may make application for a charter as a Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. **The Camp MUST maintain a minimum of seven (7) members to retain their Charter.** Each Camp shall have a name and be assigned a number by General Headquarter.

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of AOT Councilman Jason Boshers the GEC voted, without objection, to purchase the 2.6 acres Gilham property, with warehouse, adjacent to Elm Springs for \$150,000.00.

Upon the motion of AOT Commander Larry McCluney and the second of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to make changes to the National Camp Award Change criteria as proposed by the Awards Committee. These changes will be promulgated in the near future.

Upon the motion of ATM Councilman Darrell Maples and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the issuance of a Real Granddaughter medal.

Tenth Order of Business:

AOT Councilman/SCV Properties Committee Chairman Jason Boshers gave report.

Eleventh Order of Business:

Lee Millar gave a Reunion 2017 update.

Twelfth Order of Business:

Mr. McCally and Mr. Andrews spoke on audio-visual capabilities for the National Confederate Museum.

Thirteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Lt. Commander Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted to enter Executive Session with Executive Director Michael Landree remaining.

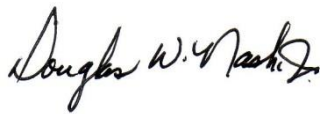
Entered Executive Session at 2:50 PM CT.

Executive Session resulted in a vote to sever all ties with the Sam Davis Youth Camp effective immediately.

Returned to Open Session at 4:06 PM CT.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM CT with the benediction given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Ray Parker.

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