

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

23 March 2019
Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee

Approval: July 10, 2019

Called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. at 9:01 AM CDT.

Invocation given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White.

Pledge to the U.S. Flag – ATM Commander Darrell Maples.

Salute to the Confederate Flag – AOT Commander Jason Boshers.

Recitation of the Charge – 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 14 of 15 members present thereby establishing a quorum. (8 are *required*)

Paul Gramling, Jr.	Commander-in-Chief	Kelly Barrow	Past Commander-in-Chief
Larry McCluney, Jr.	Lt. Commander-in-Chief	Doug Nash, Jr.	Adjutant-in-Chief
Ronnie Roach	ANV Commander	Jack Marlar	ANV Councilman
Jason Boshers	AOT Commander	Jimmy Hill	AOT Councilman
Darrell Maples	ATM Commander	J. C. Hanna	ATM Councilman
Charles Lauret	Chief of Staff	Scott D. Hall	Judge Advocate-in-Chief
		Walter "Donnie" Kennedy	Chief of Heritage Operations
Michael Givens	Past Commander-in-Chief	Dr. Herman White	Chaplain-in-Chief

* Not present.

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.

None voting members: Interim Executive Director Thomas V. Strain, Jr., VA Division Commander Johnny Neville, Frank Powell, Randy Kaiser, Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael, Robert Edwards, Historian-in-Chief Todd Owens, Lee Millar, Conor Bond, Eric Privetti, Billy Bryant, Stewart Parker, Frank Heathman, Jamie Matthews, Past MS Division Commander Louis Foley, Tippah Tigers Camp 868 Adjutant Mike Mauldin, MS Division Lt. Commander Bill Baker, Joey Hedge and Mark Evans.

First Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall and the second of ATM Commander Darrell Maples the GEC voted, by acclamation, to adopt the GEC minutes from 11/7/2018, 1/4/2019, 2/19/2019 and 3/5/2019.

Second Order of Business:

Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White discussed the upcoming SCV Reunion Memorial Service.

Third Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. announced his decision to hold a GEC retreat on August 16-17, 2019. Location to be determined.

Fourth Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy requested that information on radio stations that may take our SCV adds be forwarded to him.

Fifth Order of Business:

Stewart Parker from Morgan-Stanley discussed our self-financing for the National Confederate History Museum.

Sixth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael revealed the results of the Past Commander-in-Chief Numbering Committee research that Harry A. V. Parker was not a

Past Commander-in-Chief therefore Paul Gramling, Jr. is the seventy-fifth (75) Commander-in-Chief. Such findings will be offered as a motion at the Mobile Reunion.

Seventh Order of Business:

Motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow and seconded by ATM Councilman J. C. Hanna to mandate adoption of discussed adoption of the “real Charge” to the Confederation was not adopted.

Eighth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. again urged attendance at the upcoming Stone Mountain, Georgia event.

Break at 9:35 AM CDT until 9:49 AM CDT which included prayer for Interim Executive Director Thomas V. Strain, Jr. who was being transported to the hospital.

Ninth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White the GEC voted to enter Executive Session.

Entered Executive Session at 9:50 AM CDT to discuss a disciplinary issue.

Returned to Open Session at 11:08 AM CDT.

Tenth Order of Business:

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. gave report with Jamie Matthews discussing recruiting/retention videos.

Eleventh Order of Business:

Historian-in-Chief Todd Owens reported on artifacts for the National Confederate History Museum.

Twelfth Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Walter “Donnie” Kennedy discussed the Make Dixie Great Again campaign.

Thirteenth Order of Business:

Lee Millar gave a Memphis statue update.

Upon the motion of Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White and the second of ATM Commander Darrell Maples the GEC voted, without objection, to, if offered, accept the Forrest statue, the remains of Gen. & Mrs. Forrest and the Jefferson Davis statue from Memphis for placement at Elm Springs.

Recessed for Dinner at 12:02 PM CDT**Returned to session at 1:16 PM CDT****Fourteenth Order of Business:**

AOT Commander Jason Boshers discussed SCV properties.

Fifteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of AOT Commander Jason Boshers and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the bid for the 2022 SCV Reunion in Savannah, Georgia.

Sixteenth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. conducted an in-depth discussion of monuments being placed at Elm Springs.

Seventeenth Order of Business:

Employee Eric Privetti gave report on Sales Force.

Eighteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy the GEC voted, without objection, to follow Department of Defense guidelines concerning Global War on Terrorism and Cold War awards.

Nineteenth Order of Business:

Upon the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee concerning litigation against the city of Charlottesville, Virginia concerning the Lee and Jackson statues the GEC voted, without objection, to approve up to \$75,000.00 from the Heritage Defense Fund on a 2 to 1 (Division to National) pro-rated basis based on proof of support received from the Virginia Division.

Twentieth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael discussed museum fundraising ideas.

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend at the Mobile Reunion a \$5.00 increase in dues, \$3.00 of which will go to retire the debt on the National Confederate History Museum.

Twenty-first Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. proposed an amendment to add to the Constitution Article 7.5 Past Commanders-in-Chief the following: *If any of the last three (3) Past Commanders-in-Chief permanently vacates his GEC position or if his position on the GEC is revoked per Section 7.5.3, the next preceding Past Commander-in-Chief shall assume the role of the third Past Commander-in-Chief, and the remainder of the voting Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be re-sequenced based on order of service. Reasons for this position being vacated may include incapacity, recusal, recension, or revocation.* The GEC voted, with objection, to support this proposed amendment.

Twenty-second Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. and the second of Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session with Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael remaining.

Entered Executive Session at 2:53 PM CDT to discuss the Marra statue issue and forthcoming disciplinary issues.

Returned to Open Session at 3:16 PM CDT.

Twenty-third Order of Business:

Executive Director Thomas V. Strain, Jr., who had returned from the hospital, gave a brief report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 PM CDT with the benediction by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White and the singing of Dixie.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas W. Nash, Jr." in a cursive script.

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