

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

12 October 2019
Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee

Approval: March 13, 2020

Called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. at 9:00 AM CDT.

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

Pledge to the U.S. Flag – Chief of Staff Charles Lauret.

Salute to the Confederate Flag – ATM Commander Darrell Maples.

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 13 of 16 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
Thomas V. Strain, Jr.	Past Commander-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: Executive Director Adam Southern, Ron Kennedy, Randy Kaiser, George Gremillion, Tim Steadman, Johnny Neville, Todd Owens, Frank Powell, Douglas Sikes and Edward Phillips.

First Order of Business:

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Doug Nash, Jr. presented Committee recommendations on two (2) funding requests.

The GEC voted, without objection, to approve the Sam Davis Camp 596 for \$1,300.00 for the restoration of Varina's Garden at Beauvoir.

The GEC voted, without objection, to not approve the N. B. Forrest Camp 215 for \$13,000.00 for future Memphis litigations.

Second Order of Business:

Mr. Douglas Sikes from Acclaim Press presented a proposal for a 125th Anniversary Book for consideration. Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens and the second of AOT Commander Jason Boshers the GEC voted, without objection, to move forward to consider the proposal.

Third Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy gave report on the Southern Victory Campaign and Confederate Legion.

Fourth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of Chief of Staff Charles Lauret the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal issue.

Entered Executive Session at 9:58 AM CDT.

Returned to open session at 10:56 AM CDT.

Recessed for break 10:57 AM CDT until 11:18 AM CDT.

Fifth Order of Business:

Executive Director Adam T. Southern gave report including the post hack rebuilding of website, mailing of the Confederate Veteran, December 2019 National Confederate Museum completion date, numbers of members in-good-standing, financial standing and store catalog.

Sixth Order of Business:

AOT Commander Jason Boshers gave SCV properties report.

Seventh Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow questioned when/how the S. D. Lee Award went from one (1) to two (2) recipients per year. This will be researched.

This led to a discussion by Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. concerning the David O. Dodd Award which is presented to the person recruiting the most new members under the age of eighteen (18) years. This has led to claims by some which include Cadet members in that count. Upon the motion of Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White and the second of ATM Commander Darrell Maples the GEC voted, without objection, that the number of new members counted towards the David O. Dodd Award not include Cadets and the Awards Manual be corrected to reflect same.

Recessed for Dinner at 11:52 AM CDT with blessing given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White.

Returned in open session at 1:12 PM CDT

Eighteenth Order of Business:

Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. gave report including the showing of an informational video on the Tejanos (Texas-Mexican) during the War Between the States.

Ninth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens announced that he has remarried.

Tenth Order of Business:

AOT Commander Jason Boshers discussed the possibility of placing a Confederate Soldier statue at the Forrest Boyhood Home.

Upon the motion of AOT Commander Jason Boshers and the second of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to allow the placing of a Confederate Soldier statue at the Forrest Boyhood Home.

Upon the motion of Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White and the second of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to allow N. B. Forrest Camp 215 to place an informational plaque at the Forrest Boyhood Home.

Eleventh Order of Business:

Historian Todd Owens introduced Mr. Steve Phillips who may donate an extensive collection of War Between the States items to the museum.

George Gremillion, Commander, Brig. Gen. J. J. Alfred A. Mouton Camp 778 donated a 30lb. Parrott rifle shell and an 1857 musket with bayonet.

Twelfth Order of Business:

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall gave report.

Thirteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow and the second of Past Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens the GEC voted, without objection, the S. D. Lee Award be presented to only one (1) recipient per year.

Fourteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow. and the second of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, that all minutes be available to all members via website members only port.

Fifteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of ATM Commander Darrell Maples and the second of ANV Commander Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and financial issues.

Entered Executive Session at 1:53 PM CDT

Returned to Open Session at 2:18 PM CDT.

Sixteenth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. announced that the Spring GEC meeting will be held in Elm Springs on March 14, 2020.

Observed a moment of silence in observance of the passing of Gen. R. E. Lee.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 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