

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

14 March 2020

Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee

Approval: 15 July 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 14 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, Todd Owens, Frank Powell, Herb Turner, Kevin Witherell, Eric Previti and Lee Millar.

First Order of Business:

Upon the motion of ATM Commander Darrell Maples and the second of ATM Councilman J. C. Hanna the GEC voted, without objection, approval of the following minutes: GEC Teleconferences of 10/24/19, 2/6/20 and 2/17/20; GEC Electronic Vote 11/01/19; and GEC Elm Springs Meeting of 10/12/19.

Second Order of Business:

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Doug Nash, Jr. presented Committee recommendations on a grant request from the Michigan Military Heritage Museum for \$350.00 to support the Brother Against Brother exhibit of the three Sprague brothers from Battle Creek, Michigan. Myron and Silas fought in the Alabama Infantry while Jonathan was a Union sharpshooter.

Scott Gerych, the founder and a Board of Trustees member of the museum, is a SCV member in the Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne Camp 2257 of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both of the Camps in Michigan, totaling only 64 members, have donated over 50% of the required funds.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the \$350.00 to be paid to the Grass Lake Area Historical Society (memo line to indicate Michigan Military Heritage Museum) from the Heritage Promotions Fund.

Third Order of Business:

Historian-in-Chief Todd Owens made presentation of an anchor from the ship *Star of the West* to the National Confederate Museum.

Fourth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow discussed Fold3.com/Ancestry.com/Newspapers.com discounts for SCV members.

Fifth Order of Business:

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall gave update on the Marra statue and discussed the SCV being named as a residuary beneficiary in the will of Mr. Kuchan and Manassas Battlefield ownership question.

Sixth Order of Business:

ANV Councilman Jack Marlar proposed that the Confederate Veteran magazine be provided to members online only unless a member pays for hard copy. Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second ATM Councilman J. C. Hanna the GEC voted, without objection, to leave as currently accomplished.

Seventh Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. discussed the fact that conducting our 2022 Reunion in Savannah, Georgia has been discovered to be cost prohibitive. This remains a work in progress.

The GEC will support a change to our Standing Orders to expand, beyond the current two weekends in July, the time for when SCV Reunions/Conventions can be conducted.

Upon the motion of AOT Councilman Jimmy Hill and the second of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to accept the bid for conducting the 2023 Reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Eighteenth Order of Business:

Executive Director Adam Southern gave report including previewing recruiting videos, Elm Springs info cards and National Confederate Museum/Elm Springs websites.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. and the second of ATM Councilman J. C. Hanna the GEC voted, without objection, to allow Executive Director Adam Southern to offer Dean Stevens \$1,000.00 per quarter to act as webmaster for both the National Confederate Museum and the Elm Springs websites.

Recessed for break 10:37 AM CDT until 10:48 AM CDT.

Ninth Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Walter "Donnie" Kennedy proposed open letter to Maury County, Tennessee for introduction in the Sunday and Wednesday issues of the local newspaper. Upon the motion of Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. and the second of

Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the Open Letter to Maury County, Tennessee with Sunday paid by the Confederate Legion and Wednesday paid by the HQ advertising budget.

Tenth Order of Business:

AOT Commander Jason Boshers discussed SCV properties and, in particular, the establishment of a Tilghman House Committee patterned after what was accomplished with the Forrest Boyhood Home and also selling half of the Tilghman House parking lot to another business.

Eleventh Order of Business:

Lee Millar discussed placing the Memphis Forrest stone with the monument at Elm Springs and create a Memphis Heritage Circle at museum.

Upon the motion of AOT Commander Jason Boshers and the second of ATM Commander Darrell Maples the GEC voted, without objection, that all Memphis items beyond the Forrest and Davis statues and Gen. and Mrs. Forrest reinterments will be placed at the Forrest Boyhood Home.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. and the second of AOT Councilman Jimmy Hill the GEC voted, without objection, to place the OCR benches at circle behind the museum.

Twelfth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Grambling, Jr. presented Life Membership certificate to Mr. Herb Turner of Missouri.

Mr. Turner presented a check for \$166.67 for the museum.

Thirteenth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. presented Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Deason his CiC flag streamer.

Recessed for Photos and Dinner at 11:43 AM CDT with blessing given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White.

Resumed session at 1:02 PM CDT

Fourteenth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain, Jr. discussed our past relationship with Sterling Marlin Racing and current partnership with Justin South Racing.

Fifteenth Order of Business:

ANV Commander Ronnie Roach requested guidance as to how we are supposed to answer questions concerning the financing of the National Confederate Museum. Discussed donations and fundraisers.

Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr. presented a check from the Pvt. Lorenzo Leigh Bennitt Camp 773, Durham, North Carolina to the museum for \$3,696.00 representing \$168.00 per member in-good-standing. He further announced a challenge to all Camps to follow this example.

Sixteenth Order of Business:

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, Jr. announced that due to unforeseen legal issues, partly stemming for the COVID-19 scare, the reinterment of Gen. and Mrs. Forrest scheduled for May 23, 2020 is being cancelled and a future date allowing time for planning will be set.

Seventeenth Order of Business:

AOT Commander Jason Boshers gave an overview of the in depth planning required for the Forrest reinterment/museum opening.

Eighteenth Order of Business:

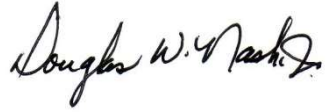
Upon the motion of AOT Commander Jason Boshers and the second of ATM Commander Darrell Maples the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session with Executive Director Adam Southern in attendance to discuss a financial issue.

Entered Executive Session at 2:45 PM CDT

Returned to Open Session at 2:51 PM CDT.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM CDT with the benediction by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Herman White.

Signed:

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

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