



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Teleconference

May 18, 2021

Approved July 21, 2021

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief: Herman White

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill

Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr.	P
Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Bosher	P
ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone	P
AOT Commander Jimmy Hill	P
ATM Commander J. C. Hanna	P
ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan	P
AOT Councilman Carl Jones	P
ATM Councilman Robert Edwards	P
Chief-of-Staff Darrell Maples	P
Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill	P
Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall	P
Chief of Heritage Ops Donnie Kennedy	P
Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr.	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow	P
Executive Director Adam Southern	P
Chairman Frank Heathman, Disciplinary Committee	P

Basis for Quorum 16 voting members: Present: 16; Absent: 0; Required for Quorum: 9. Quorum is present

Note: Past CIC's are not obligated to attend GEC meetings and therefore, only if present shall they, or any one of them, be counted in the computation of a quorum. (Reference: Section 7.5.2 of the SCV Constitution). The quorum is based on the eligible voting members.

Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern and Chairman Frank Heathman, Disciplinary Committee

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The first item on the agenda presented by Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. was to go into Executive Session to hear a disciplinary issue. At 7:05 pm, Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White made a motion that the General Executive Council go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. and the motion passed without objection. An additional motion was made and seconded by multiple members to allow Executive Director Adam Southern to remain. The Amended motion passed without objection. It was then realized a motion was needed to allow Chairman Frank Heathman, Disciplinary Committee to remain. A motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling to allow Chairman Heathman to remain. The motion was seconded by ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan and the motion passed without objection. At 7:21 pm, a motion was made to exit Executive Session by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling and seconded by Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White. The motion passed without objection. The General Executive Council decided to have the Adjutant-in-Chief mail a letter from the Disciplinary Committee Chairman notifying the defendant of the charges proffered and his options.

The second item on the agenda was a request from Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. to table the activation of the Vetting Guidelines until after the October 2021 General Executive Council Meeting so that issues could be worked out.

ATM Councilman Robert Edwards made the motion to table the Vetting Guidelines and have new guidelines presented at the General Executive Council Meeting in October 2021. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones. The motion passed without objection.

The third item on the agenda, ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan presented a resolution (see attached) as a motion for the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215 to present true and correct copies of all documents of any judicial orders and a financial accounting of all paid invoices and contributions received designated for supporting the Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest statue and remains of Gen. Forrest and his wife litigation. The motion was seconded by Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White. The motion passed with the caveat that ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan and Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall work together to get the correct wording of the resolution before serving the request.

Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. requested a vote of confidence if the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215 failed to meet the request of the General Executive Committee that the General Executive Council would support the Commander-in-Chiefs authority to pull the Charter of Camp215. A motion was made to this effect by Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr., seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow and passed without objection.

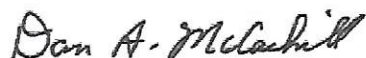
Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. made a motion to mail by regular mail a cover letter giving a brief reason to accompany the formal request of the Camp be sent to every officer and member of Camp 215 for transparency. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow and the motion passed without objection.

With no other business coming before the General Executive Council, a motion to adjourn was made by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow and passed without objection.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White

Teleconference Terminated: 7:41 pm

Signed,



Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
Sons of Confederate Veterans
"The National Confederate Museum at Historic Elm Springs"

May 20, 2021

Dear Compatriot:

As you know, the SCV has been involved in a difficult and challenging effort to protect and preserve the monuments and graves of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife in Memphis. Many people have worked very hard on this and SCV members from across the Republic have contributed directly and indirectly to the costs of the effort. Hopefully, despite the radical political climate in which we find ourselves, we will be able to complete the journey of interring the General and his wife at Elm Springs.

You are no doubt also aware that the national SCV spent well over \$60,000 in legal fees and expenses in defense of Gen. Forrest. The Tennessee Division contributed well over \$30,000 to the litigation expenses. Presently, additional requests have been made in association with the reinterment and funeral expenses.

To that end, SCV Headquarters has been trying to complete a financial accounting of this project but have not been able to obtain the necessary records and documentation. Particularly, an accounting and reconciliation is desired to assist with planning, analysis for similar projects, and preparation for ongoing SCV matters.

While partial and incomplete records have been supplied over the years, a complete reconciliation of the Forrest project and litigation has not been supplied by Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215. Therefore, the General Executive Council has adopted the following Resolution directing the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp to supply the documentation we need.

Resolved, that the General Executive Council hereby instructs the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215 of Sons of Confederate Veterans to provide the following records derivative from all lawsuits and litigation related to the statue of General Nathan Bedford Forrest and/or the disposition of the temporal remains of Gen. Forrest and his wife in Memphis, Tennessee:

- a) true and correct copies of any and all final judicial orders and settlement agreements;*
- b) a financial accounting of all paid invoices, awards, settlement funds paid and/or due, and all contributions received designated for supporting the litigation; and*
- c) a reconciliation of the financial transactions.*

These documents are to be submitted to SCV General Headquarters within thirty (30) days from the date of the letter accompanying this Resolution.

(Resolution passed May 18, 2021 via Teleconference.)

I am certain the officers and gentlemen of the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp understand the importance the SCV places on financial accountability, and therefore the critical and serious nature of this request. The GEC has a duty to evaluate and monitor the activities of each Camp and Division. Accordingly, with the substantial and material investment in the Forrest litigation, it is imperative that a complete reconciliation of the endeavor be documented with Headquarters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Larry A. McCluney, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry A. McCluney, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief

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As you know, the SCV has been involved in a difficult and challenging effort to protect and preserve the monuments and graves of Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife in Memphis. Many people have worked very hard on this and SCV members from across the Republic have contributed directly and indirectly to the costs of the effort. Hopefully, despite the radical political climate in which we find ourselves, we will be able to complete the journey of interring the General and his wife at Elm Springs.

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While partial and incomplete records have been supplied over the years, a complete reconciliation of the Forrest project and litigation has not been supplied by Forrest Camp 215. Therefore, the General Executive Council has adopted the following Resolution directing the Memphis Camp to supply the documentation we need.

"Resolved, that the General Executive Council hereby instructs the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to provide the following records derivative from the litigation related to the statue of General Nathan Bedford Forrest and/or the disposition of the temporal remains of General Forrest and his wife in Memphis, Tennessee:

- a) True and correct copies of any final judicial orders; and
- b) A financial accounting of all paid invoices and contributions received designated for supporting this litigation.

These documents are to be submitted to General Headquarters within thirty (30) days."

I am certain the officers and gentlemen of the Memphis Camp understand the importance the SCV places on financial accountability, and therefore the critical and serious nature of this request. The GEC has duty to evaluate and monitor the activities of each Camp and Division. Accordingly, with the substantial and material investment in the Forrest litigation, it is imperative that a complete reconciliation of the endeavor be documented with Headquarters.

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Upon receipt of this letter.

send to every Camp Officer.