



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Zoom Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM CST; January 12, 2023
Approved January 30, 2023

Call to Order: 7:06 PM CST by Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers.
Opening Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers	P	Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill	P
Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy	P	Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall	P
ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone	P	Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy	P
AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill	P	Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle	P
ATM Commander J. C. Hanna	P	Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr.	A
ANV Councilman Kenny Ramsey	P	Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr.	P
AOT Councilman Carl Jones	P	Past Commander-in-Chief Tom V. Strain, Jr.	A
ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret	P	Executive Director Adam T. Southern	P
Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples	P		

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Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern

The First Order of Business was the adoption of General Executive Council Minutes. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated the first Minutes to be considered were the October 1, 2022 General Executive Council Meeting at Elm Springs. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made the motion to except the October 1, 2022 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill reported the only changes made to the minutes were typographical and that there were no changes that altered the meaning of the minutes. The motion passed with one abstention from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall because he did not have the opportunity to read the minutes.

The second minutes to be considered were the October 1, 2022 Executive Session Minutes of the General Executive Council at Elm Springs. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill. With no discussion, the motion passed with one abstention from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall because he did not have the opportunity to read the minutes.

The third minutes to be consider were the November 21, 2022 Zoom Conference Minutes of the General Executive Council. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was duly seconded by multiple members of the Council. With no discussion, the motion passed with one abstention from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall because he did not have the opportunity to read the minutes.

The Second Oder of business was a report on the Stephen D. Lee Institute in Tampa, Florida. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported as of today only nineteen people have registered for the Institute but Adam Southern reported that number is now twenty-two (22). Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers contacted David McAllister whose camp is hosting the event and David informed the CIC he needed fifty registrations to reach his breakeven point. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated National has budgeted \$15,000 for Institute expenses and he needed a "drop dead" date from David McAllister to cancel the event to mitigate losses. National will not appropriate any additional money for

the event. There was a discussion about the expenses and Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall made the point that according to the contract entered into by National it was too late to cancel the event in question. As the contract is written, cancelation had to occur one year prior to the event. Additional registrations would only lessen the amount of loss and have the chance of showing a profit. Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy reported that 250 postcards will be sent out by the host Camp to encourage people to register so there is a good chance more than 50 will register. Also, Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael has been asked to write some policy and procedures for future S. D. Lee Institutes.

The Third Order of Business was a Life Insurance Policy on a SCV member who made National the owner and beneficiary if National would pay the premiums. This policy was written in 1989 with an annual premium of \$100 per year and has increased to its current level of \$1,800 per year. Payout at death will be \$40,000 and the gentleman is 65 years old. National has paid a cumulative premium close to the face value of the policy. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked do we want to continue paying the premium? After a brief discussion, ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone made a motion to discontinue premium payments and let the policy lapse. The motion was seconded by ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret and the motion passed without objection. Executive Director Adam T. Southern was instructed to cash in the policy which has a cash value of \$6,800 since SCV National is the owner of the policy.

The Fourth Order of Business was a past SCV member made an offer to bequeath two parcels of land to National with the condition that neither parcel could be sold and that the SCV had to maintain the condition of the parcels. One parcel is in Forest Hills subdivision in Columbia with earthworks and the other is about 800 acres of agricultural land with a cemetery on the parcel where at least one Confederate Veteran is buried. The larger parcel generates \$25,000 annually from leases and has a tax liability of \$5,800. The gentleman has a 90% interest and his sister has the other 10%. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone made a motion to authorize Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers, Executive Director Adam T. Southern and one other member of the General Executive Council to meet with this gentleman and his sister if possible to discuss the proposed bequeath. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones. The motion passed with one objection.

The Fifth Order of Business was the Arlington Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers received an email from the Judah P. Benjamin Camp in Tampa, Florida that they were requesting permission to enter into a lawsuit with Defend Arlington. **At 7:43 PM, CST**, AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter allowing Executive Director Adam T. Southern to remain. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

At 8:56, CST, AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill made a motion for the General Executive Council to exit Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded and the motion passed without objection.

While in Executive Session, the General Executive Council discussed the Arlington Confederate Memorial issue. The Council voted to deny a request from the Tampa, Florida Camp to pursue litigation in the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Council voted for National to pursue litigation to protect the Arlington Memorial in the name of Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Council heard and upheld two decisions of the Disciplinary Committee to expel two members. The Council also denied an individual's request to conduct interviews at the Confederate Museum.

From the Commander-in-Chief: the next General Executive Council Meeting will be March 4, 2023 at Elm Springs and there will be an evening meal at Elm Springs with Carl Jones doing the cooking; we are looking at the Baymont Hotel to replace the Richland Hotel but need to negotiate a corporate rate; three items that will be on the March Agenda will be the Press Officer Issue, the Naming of the Elm Spring Property and address the Camp 215 issue.

Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

General Executive Council
Zoom Conference Minutes
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GEC Zoom Meeting
1/12/2023
7:00 PM CDT

- Police yourselves in these things
 - o Watch the background noise and mute yourself as needed
 - o Please address the chair and wait for a response before talking
 - o Please watch talking over each other
 - o Remain courteous and gentlemanly
- Prayer by Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle
- Call the roll by Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill
- Minutes
 - o Minutes – October 1, 2022 held at Elm Springs
 - First
 - Second
 - o Executive Session Minutes – October 1, 2022 held at Elm Springs
 - First
 - Second
 - o Minutes – Zoom meeting November 21, 2022
 - First
 - Second
- Stephen D. Lee – 19 people signed up as of yesterday. National gives \$15,000. Good stewards of the money.
- Life Insurance policy –
 - o We have been paying for a life insurance policy for a SCV member since 1989. The SCV is the beneficiary should the man should die. When this policy was first created, it was \$100 a year. Now that the man is getting older, we are paying \$1800 a year. Do we want to continue? The payout on death is only around \$40,000
- Property –
 - o A local man came in today and offered to bequeath the SCV two parcels of land in Maury County. One parcel is in Forrest Hills subdivision and contains earthworks. He will give this to SCV on the terms that it cannot be sold and he wants us to possibly make it a park or interpret the land. The second parcel is close to 800 acres of land out on the Duck River. He currently makes about \$25,000 a year with hunting and agricultural leases. There is a cemetery on the land where at least one Confederate soldier is resting (a member of the Coleman Scouts). He wants the SCV to have it on the same condition—it cannot be sold (and we must care for the cemetery). He wants to know if the GEC is even interested.
- Confederate Monument in Arlington Cemetery
- Go into Executive Session
 - o The chair will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session

- First
 - Second
- Action 1
- Action 2
- Come out of Executive Session
 - First
 - Second
- Any business for the betterment of the organization
- Any announcements
 - Remind everyone of the GEC Meeting on Saturday March 4
 - We will eat at Friday evening at 6.
 - Richland Inn. Heard good things about the Baymont and going to see if we can get a corporate rate.
 - Agenda items for March Saturday March 4
 - Per the post-reunion minutes, the GEC is to address the Press Office & Media
 - Per the post-reunion minutes, the GEC is to address the naming of the property
- Motion to adjourn



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee

8:30 AM CDT; October 1, 2022

Approval Pending

Call to Order: 8:30 AM CDT by Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers.

Opening Prayer and Devotional: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Salute to the U.S. Flag and Confederate Flag: Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples

Reading of The Charge: Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill

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Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern

Before getting into the business, Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers said there were several presentations for the Confederate Museum and gave Executive Director Adam T. Southern the floor. ANV Councilman Kenny Ramsey donated an 1812 Eli Whitney musket, an 1857 Eli Whitney revolver and a piece of the hull of the USS Monitor. George donated an 1848 musket from Mulberry, Mass. Modified and used by the Texas Cavalry. Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples and friends donated a UCV 1st Florida Regiment Flag a replica of the actual Regimental Flag. The Kennedy Twins, Donnie and Ron presented Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall with an autographed edition of "The South Was Right". Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. presented a stack of memorandums from the early years of the UCV to Adam Southern. Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill donated a 1st edition of "Memoirs of Service Afloat" by Admiral Raphael Semmes for the Museum Library.

First Item: Executive Director's Report - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked Executive Director Adam T. Southern to present his report. The Executive Director's Report will be attached to these minutes so no detail will be lost. During Executive Director Adam T. Southern's report, he went over the Brooks Fund. The payment schedule to the Brooks Fund is \$100,000 annually plus accrued interest, estimated at \$56,580 due by January 1, which is built into the Annual Budget. Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. made a motion that the annual payment plus interest to the Brooks Fund be paid at the General Executive Council Meeting in October. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed without objection. Brooks Fund payoff will take approximately Eighteen (18) years at the current annual payment. ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret made a motion to accept the Director's Report. The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna and the motion passed without objection.

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Second Item: Forrest Boyhood Home Pavilion - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers told the story behind the pavilion which started in 2019 when the Tennessee Division voted to support in any way it could. Work on the pavilion started before the General Executive Council had approved the plans so Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers put a stop to all construction. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers discussed the plans for the pavilion. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion to support the pavilion project at the Forrest Boyhood Home with the Tennessee Division paying all construction costs. Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

Third Item: Confederate Museum Report - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill to present his report. With the help of Robert Jewellson, the timeline is almost complete. The Timeline display has planned breaks, so the continuous panels of the Timeline will not be overwhelming, with other displays such as the Navy and Leonidas Polk displays. There are additional cabinet displays to be built and placed. Artifacts will be continually revolved so the displays will not become stale. Visitors are reading everything! There may be a need of benches so visitors can sit and read. The stories are overviews but the complete story can be accessed using the QR Codes.

Fourth Item: Heritage Operations Report - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy to give his report. Ron reported the theme for the Stephen D. Lee Institute for February 24-25, 2023 in Tampa, Florida will be "From Remembrance to Revolution". The presentations will concentrate on monuments and removal of monuments.

Working on a new Confederate Legion Website with the help of Ray Shores. This new site will give us complete control and hope to have the site up and running by the end of the year or first part of 2023. The old site is still operational.

Data on the One-Click Widget is still coming in. This is a borrowed program to see if it would fit the needs of General Headquarters. A link to One-Click Politics will be sent to the members of the General Executive Council so they can look at the full program before deciding if this will be beneficial to the SCV. Been told the cost for the full program is an annual subscription of \$3,000 to \$5,000. This is a non-budget item and the plan is to have the first-year subscription paid from the Confederate Legion and the Lt. Commander-in-Chief's budget.

Fifth Item: Executive Session - At 9:48 AM, CDT, Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall made a motion for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones and the motion passed without objection.

The General Executive Council took a ten-minute recess.

The General Executive Council reconvened in Executive Session at 10:00 AM CDT.

At 11:06 AM, CDT, Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers entertained a motion for the General Executive Council to exit Executive Session. Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples so moved. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

In Executive Session, the General Executive Council conducted an Appeal Hearing concerning Disciplinary Action against a member. The General Executive Council vote to sustain the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The General Executive Council also voted to launch an investigation on another disciplinary problem.

The General Executive Council discussed and voted on pay raises and bonuses for the Elm Springs Staff.

Sixth Item: Forrest Plaza - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers gave a short overview of the General Forrest Project over the past few years. The GEC has the obligation to repair the statue and put everything back like it was in Memphis. Commander-in-Chief Boshers allowed the Forrest Family Attorney Edward Phillips to address the Council. Mr. Phillips introduced two of the Great, Great Grandsons of Forrest, Edward Bradley and Sidney Law. The estimated cost to repair the statue and put the statue and plaza back as it was is \$175,000. Sidney Law pledged to contribute up to \$10,000 for this project. Mr. Phillips asked for an addition to the Plaza which was in the original plans but not done for two plaques marking the graves of General Forrest and his wife, Mary Anne. Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. made a motion that the General Executive Council pursue reconstructing the Forrest Plaza as it was in Memphis, Tennessee with the addition of the two plaques. The motion was seconded by ANV Councilman Kenny Ramsey and the motion passed without objection. Commander-in-Chief Boshers re-emphasized the only persons involved with this project will be the Forrest Great Great Grandsons, Edward Phillips, and the General Executive Council. The following additional pledges for this project were made: Edward Phillips, \$2,500; Jason Boshers, \$5,000; the Kennedy Twins, \$1,000; Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #1931, \$1,000 and B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625, \$1,000.

Seventh Item: Recruiting and Retention - Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy with the loss of members and lack of recruitment, he intends to get our name out to the public through radio and television ads. More information will be forth coming. Also mentioned was Hispanic Heritage Month. One complaint was we are choosing only one group. Therefore, Commander Kennedy proposed celebrating other groups in other months such as German in October, Italians on Columbus Day and the Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. Our Confederate Ancestors were a very diverse group.

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers entertained a motion to adjourn. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. so moved. The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna and the motion passed.

Closing prayer and blessing: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Respectfully Submitted, with



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Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.



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Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers gave Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy the floor for personal privilege with which Donnie thanked everyone for the kind words and prayers with the passing of his daughter.

At 7:07 PM CDT, Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall to address the Georgie – South Carolina Lawsuit on the re-naming of the Jefferson Davis Bridge and the Spartanburg, South Carolina Flag Pole lawsuit in South Carolina.

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall reported the first issue is a proposal to re-name the Jefferson Davis Bridge and to remove the two plaques and statue on the bridge. The Georgia Division and South Carolina Division both request permission to pursue litigation to stop these entities from violating their respective State Heritage Ordinances or Statutes. These Divisions are currently not asking for funds. Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall recommended that permission be granted to enter into litigation. After a brief discussion of the issue, AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion to allow the Georgia and South Carolina Divisions to pursue litigation in the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

The second issue is the Spartanburg Flag and Flag Pole. The South Carolina Camp purchased land, obtained all necessary permits and all necessary approvals from all appropriate government entities to erect the 120' flag pole. They flew the South Carolina Flag for two months then replaced this Flag with the Confederate Battle Flag. At this point, the Camp was notified by the Building Department that the Camp had not obtained a needed permit even though they were told they had complied completely with everything needed and must remove the flag pole. This is nothing more than a political move to prevent the Confederate Flag from being flown which is a violation of free speech. Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall recommended that permission be granted to enter into litigation. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone made the motion to give the Spartanburg Camp permission to pursue litigation in the issue. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection

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The last item on the agenda is the Confederate Monument in Edenton, North Carolina is threatened to be removed by the Edenton Town Council and County Commissioners. The monument has been in place since 1909. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone reported the entire State is waiting for the decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court decision on the case of the United Daughters of the Confederacy v. Winston-Salem, NC. The W. F. Martin Camp 1521, represented by Attorney Ed Phillips, requests permission to pursue litigation and have it in place upon the ruling of the North Carolina Supreme Court to stop the removal of the Confederate Monument. The Camp is not asking for any funds. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone put the request in the form of a motion. ANV Councilman Kenny Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill made the appeal that on April 29, 2023 there needs to be a large gathering at Stone Mountain for the Confederate Memorial Service held at the mountain. The 2022 gathering was overshadowed by BLM. If the numbers are not increased, there is a fear of losing the Memorial on the side of the mountain. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated this will be a National SCV Event in hopes of boasting attendance. The event will be advertised in the Confederate Veteran Magazine.

Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy said he is in the planning stage of developing a training program for camps to become agents of influence in their local communities.

Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall reported the Stephen D. Lee Institute will be February 24 – 26, 2023 in Tampa Florida.

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers announced the Christmas Open House at Elm Springs will be the first weekend in December.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr., seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna and passed without objection.

Closing prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Respectfully Submitted,



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