



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Zoom Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM CDT; May 22, 2023
Approved July 19, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 PM CDT 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.	P
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		

Basis for Quorum 15 voting members: Present: 15, Absent: 0; Required for Quorum: 8. 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

The First Order of Business: Adoption of General Executive Council Minutes. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated the first Minutes to be considered for adoption were the March 4, 2023 General Executive Council Meeting at Elm Springs, Tennessee. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

The second set of minutes to be considered for adoption were the Executive Session Minutes of the March 4, 2023 General Executive Council Meeting at Elm Springs, Tennessee. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to adopt minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by multiple members of the Council and the motion passed without objection.

The Second Order of Business: Georgia Division Funding Request. AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill gave an overview of the Georgia Division lawsuits. Because of a favorable ruling of the Georgia Supreme Court, the Georgia Division now has standing in multiple lawsuits and the Georgia Division will be requesting the additional funding the General Executive Council voted on at the March 6, 2021 General Executive Council Meeting. At that meeting, the Georgia Division requested \$72,046. The Council voted to disperse \$50,000 to the Georgia Division and allow the Georgia Division to request an additional \$22,000 at a later date if needed. It was the opinion of Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall with the vote in March of 2021, the Georgia Division was entitled to the additional \$22,000 with no further action necessary on the part of the General Executive Council. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to take the \$22,000 from the Heritage Defense Fund. The motion was seconded by Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy and the motion passed without objection.

The Third Order of Business: Sale of the Beech Property in Helena, AR. Executive Director Adam T. Southern reported a resolution was needed from the General Executive Council giving him the authority to sign documents needed to close the sale of the property and to accept the payment on behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. made a motion to provide a resolution giving Executive Adam Southern the authorization to

General Executive Council
Zoom Conference Minutes
May 22, 2023

to sign on behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. all documents necessary to close the sale of the Beech Street Property in Helena, AR and to accept payment of the sale. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection. Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall stated these minutes would suffice as a resolution. Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill will supply Director Southern with the needed document.

The Fourth Order of Business, Stonewall Brigade Flag Park: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported he found on Facebook a flag raising event by the Stonewall Brigade in Lee County Virginia near Lexington. Commander Boshers contacted Andy Schindler to gather information about the event. The group currently owns two acres, has six acres under contract and are looking at an additional seven acres. If all goes through, they will own fifteen acres. The Stonewall Brigade is planning to raise a MEGA, 20x20, Confederate Flag. The initial opening is planned for May 27, 2023 and Commander Boshers and Chief of Heritage Operations Ron Kennedy plan to attend. Andy asked Commander Boshers if the General Executive Council would be willing to pay \$2,500 to sponsor a flag pole where you can fly the SCV Logo Flag. Commander Boshers checked and found there is enough money in Heritage Promotion Fund. The relationship between the Virginia Division and National has been strained and this project would help heal the wound. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to use funds from Heritage Promotion to pay the \$2,500 to sponsor a Flag Pole in the Flag Park. The motion was seconded by Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy and the motion passed without objection.

The Fifth Order of Business, Arlington Memorial Monument: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported everything is at a standstill. It was reported there will be a National Environmental Impact Study done and would take eight to nine months to complete. They are two months into the study and may not have any movement on the monument issue until October or November or later.

The Sixth Order of Business, Stephen D. Lee Institute Report: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers gave a brief summary of the Stephen D. Lee Institute Report which is 62 pages and will be on file at Headquarters. The National organization provided \$15,000 to help with the event and received back \$1,855 which was the profit made on the event. Guidelines are being developed for future events and future funds will be drawn from the Heritage Promotion Fund. The next Institute will be held February 9 – 11, 2024 at the Southern Heritage Center in Columbia, Tennessee. During the discussion, it was brought out the original intent of the Institute was to bring together a group of Southern Academics to educate the public and our membership on our Heritage and Cause and make it affordable to the average member to be able to attend. At present it is not.

The Seventh Order of Business, Frozen Twitter Accounts: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone to comment on the situation. Commander Stone reported the North Carolina Division Twitter account was frozen. The reason was Twitter considered the registered SCV Logo as hate speech. A lawsuit is not practical. An attempt should be made by National and the membership to change the attitude of the Twitter censors using positive information about this organization. If this does not work, have the members who are on Twitter use the SCV 1896 registered logo. As AOT Councilman Carl Jones noted, the important thing is to get our message out into the public.

The Eight Order of Business, National Polls: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy to give his report. Commander Kennedy reported two polls were done, one was National and the other was across the sixteen Southern States both conducted by Kaplan Strategies. The National Poll showed 60% of respondents agreed with Southern Heritage and keeping the monuments. Unfortunately, the trend has been decreasing in this approval rating due to the negativity being taught and reported about our Heritage. The sixteen Southern States were polled using the same questions which resulted in an 85% approval rating. A press release and individual State results will be sent to the members of the General Executive Council and to the respective Division Commander to be used for Heritage promotion by informing the public and public officials. Commander Boshers asked Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy, and AOT Councilman Carl Jones to formulate a plan and procedure for getting this information out and for moving forward to be presented at the October GEC Meeting.

The Ninth Order of Business, GEC Nominations: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers received an email from Randy Burbage stating that very few nominations have been made for the Robert E. Lee Award, the Jefferson Davis Chalice, and other National Awards. Commander Boshers stated he would be submitting his nominations and encouraged members of the General Executive Council to submit their nominations as soon as possible.

At 8:20 PM, CDT, Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session allowing Executive Director Adam T. Southern to remain. Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

General Executive Council
Zoom Conference Minutes
May 22, 2023

At 8:28 PM, CDT a motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. for the General Executive Council to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna and the motion passed without objection. While in Executive Session, disciplinary matters were discussed on three individuals and one camp.

Final Order of Business: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers commended ATM Commander J. C. Hanna for his work preparing the ATM Workshop which will be held on August 12, 2023. More information will be forth coming.

Commander Boshers reported a need for more National Events in the future spread across the Confederation. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna has been working on a proposed National Event at Mansfield State Park sometime in April, 2024.

AOT Commander Jimmy Hill reported the Army of Tennessee will continue to hold a Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain, GA whether it will be a National event or not.

ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone reported an event has not been discussed at this time.

At 8:39 PM CDT, ATM Commander J. C. Hanna made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

Dismissal Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Respectfully Submitted,



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

GEC Zoom Meeting
5/22/2023
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 – March 4, 2023
 - First
 - Second
 - Executive Session Minutes – March 4, 2023
 - First
 - Second
- Georgia Division Funding Request – Jimmy Hill
 - o Money in Heritage Defense is \$94,140.89
- Beech Street Property in Helena Arkansas – Adam Southern
- Stonewall Brigade Lee and Jackson Park Lexington VA
 - Money in Heritage Promotions - \$4,152.64
- Confederate Monument in Arlington Cemetery – update
 - o Government is in the NEPA process and will be to the fall so no new news.
- Stephen D. Lee wrap up. Made \$1,855.86 and money came to National.
- Twitter accounts of SCV members frozen and suspended – Kevin Stone
- Poll – Donnie Kennedy
- Awards – Randy Burbage only 2 people have been nominated for Stephen D Lee.
- Go into Executive Session
 - o The chair will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session
 - First
 - Second
 - o Action 1
 - o Come out of Executive Session
 - First
 - Second
- Any business for the betterment of the organization
- Any announcements
- Motion to adjourn



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Southern Heritage Center, Columbia, Tennessee

8:30 AM CST; March 4, 2023

Approval Pending

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance: ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret

Salute to the Confederate Flag: Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall

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

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		

Basis for Quorum 14 voting members: Present: 14, Absent: 0; Required for Quorum: 8. 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

The First Order of Business – Adopt Minutes: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers entertained a motion to adopt the January 30, 2023 Zoom Conference Minutes as distributed by Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret. Asking for any discussion and seeing none, the motion passed without objection.

Museum Donations – First, Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael presented to the Museum the uniform of Richard Taylor Camp Member Will Mason which he wore to all the Reunions and Will was the first recipient of the Real Grandson Medal. Also, in front of the Caddo Parish Confederate Monument which was moved was a marker place by the UCV to commemorate the 1936 Unite Confederate Veterans Reunion held in Shreveport and under the marker was a time capsule. The time capsule, its contents and a flash drive recording the opening of the capsule will be donated to the Museum. Second was James Patterson who had two items to present. Mr. John Rigus did a lot of research on Confederate Medal of Honor recipient Dwight Smith Job and wrote a book. He is donating all his research and a copy of the book to the Museum. Secondly, donated the Jefferson Davis Challis of Past Commander-in-Chief Lynn Jackson Shaw who passed away a few years back to the Museum. Finally, Donnie and Ron Kennedy had several items to donate but talked about only two. One being an 1866 edition of The History of Slavery in Massachusetts by George H. More in mint condition and second was an 1861 Edition of the United States Infantry and Rifle Tactics that was issued to a New York infantry unit.

GEC Minutes

Southern Heritage Center, Columbia, TN

March 4, 2023

The Second Order of Business – Executive Directors Report: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers gave the floor to Executive Director Adam T. Southern for his report. The Director's Report is attached to these minutes. One point that was discussed at length were the delinquent members. To recover delinquent members, letters and emails were sent to delinquent members from the past five years. AOT Councilman Carl Jones suggested that money from the renewing delinquent members be used to fund the mailing expense for future mailings of the letters to delinquent members. Make this program self-sufficient. Eric Previti presented a policy change in membership renewal to allow delinquent members who have been out of the SCV for more than two years to prorate their dues like new members in an effort to get them back in the SCV. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone made a motion to accept this policy change presented by Eric Previti. AOT Councilman Carl Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection. Director Southern reported on the sale of Flags that flew at the Museum for one month at \$200 per Flag and that they were booked through 2024. AOT Councilman Carl Jones suggested erecting a flag pole and flying a Flag at the gravesite of General Forrest and sale that Flag for the same amount as a fundraiser for the Forrest Plaza. AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill suggested changing the Flag at the Museum every two weeks for sale thus doubling your revenue. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers suggested we take up those ideas at a future Zoom Meeting. At the conclusion of the Director's Report and the question-and-answer session, Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy made a motion to accept the Director's Report as presented. ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers announced the Investment Report from Investment Committee Chairman Christopher Sullivan is postponed because Chris's mother fell and is in the hospital. He will present his report at a future Zoom Meeting.

The Third Order of Business – Museum Fundraising Committee Report: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers opened the report with some numbers: Bank Pay-off as of today - \$2.3 million; daily accrued interest at 3.9% - \$238; monthly Principle & Interest Payment - \$13,000. This Balloon Note comes due July 16, 2025. When we renew, the interest rate will increase so we must reduce the debt owed the bank. The bank has agreed to renew to note for two (2) years at the existing interest rate at renewal. In addition to the bank note, there is \$3.4 million dollars to be paid back to this organization. This debt is limiting what this organization can do. Members of the Committee, James Patterson, Dan Dorrill and Ray Ganon will elaborate on ways to help solve this problem. Mr. Patterson was first to speak. Mr. Patterson stated this organization does not ask for donations often enough. Organizations like the NRA and St. Jude's ask continually and don't worry about the complainers but worry about those who do donate. Mr. Patterson proposed a three-tiered National Museum Fundraising Challenge. The Challenge needs to be driven from the top-down. First, set a goal of \$5 million and start the Challenge at the National Reunion in Hot Springs. The three-tier Challenge is as follows: from CIC to the Armies, Army Commanders to Divisions and Division Commanders to the Camps and continue until the \$5 million is raised. Annual Awards to be given to the Army that raises the most money; the Division in each Army that raises the most money; and the Camp within the Army that raises the most money. This will get every Camp involved. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion to accept the Fund-Raising Challenge as presented by James Patterson. The motion was seconded by AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill. During the discussion of the motion, Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall expressed the fact the organization would not loose the Museum but acknowledged the "Gloom & Doom" urgency presented to the Council but this urgency should to be presented to the membership in a positive manner with a solution. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone echoed Scott Hall in a different manner. The motion passed without objection.

Second to speak was Dan Dorrill who develops fundraising for various organizations. One point Mr. Dorrill brought out in people donating, they will give to an organization whose story will create two levels of impact. The first being the impact of lives changed, false ideas changed, the impact of real Truth. The second was something the donors would get behind and support. They want to give to something that will have an impact. The question is "What kind of impact do we want for this place to have now and on future generations?" The name is most important and how to revise the name to draw those who may become donors. A name that will project the Museum and Elm Springs as alive and something that will impact lives. Proposed names for the entire property submitted were "National Confederate Heritage Center"; "National Confederate Museum and Heritage Center"; "Confederate Museum and Heritage Center at Elm Springs"; "Southern Heritage Center". As CIC Boshers stated, we are not renaming anything. We are creating a Southern Heritage Center, the entire 80 acres, which includes the National Confederate Museum and Historic Elm Springs. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion to name the 80-acre property Southern Heritage Center. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

At 10:30 AM, the General Executive Council took a ten-minute break.
At 10:47 AM, the General Executive Council reconvened.

The Fourth Order of Business – Museum Committee Report: AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill reported not much has been done lately because his helper had family obligations but this will change shortly. Need help from the Commander-in-Chief to get the QR Codes uploaded which were to be done by mid-January. Commander Boshers stated he will be creating an IT Committee whose purpose is to work on the various websites. Commander Hill reported there are plans to construct display cases for \$450 each that meet our needs versus purchasing display cabinets for \$1,000 each that will not meet our every need. Plus, build “white walls” to go in the center of the Museum in conjunction with the cabinets. A UDC Chapter in Tennessee is going to donate the Confederate memorabilia of the father of a late Chapter member plus photographs of UCV Reunions showing this daughter and the original white dress and hat she wore. These items will be used for a special display. Have authors come to the Museum on Saturdays for talks and book signings to help promote Saturday Museum Openings. Use special displays and events to help draw visitors to the Museum. Lee Millar has agreed to donate a 1862 Studabaker ambulance to the Museum captured by General Forrest at Brice’s Crossroads.

The Fifth Order of Business – Heritage Operations Report: Chief of Heritage Operations James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy gave a quick report on the Stephen D. Lee Institute that was held in Tampa, FL. He has received a preliminary report from Dave McAllister with a participation report that will be made available to the GEC Members. No dollar amounts yet. Had a total of fifty-two paid participants. With the help of Chuck Mc Michael, there will be a S. D. Lee Institute Procedural Manual Policy for conducting future Institutes. We are developing National ads featuring the Confederate Museum and the SCV and will be broadcast on Rick Revell’s History Highway on AME TV. The Confederate Legion is down to \$5,000 which is the lowest it has been and finally, working to update the Confederate Legion Website.

The Sixth Order of Business – Lt. Commander-in-Chief Report: Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy stated the best way to eliminate some of the financial problems in the organization is to increase the membership. A four-ad series, one a week, will be coming out in April in the Epic Times which is a Nationally syndicated newspaper going to 500,000 to 2 million people promoting the Confederate Museum, the South and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is imperative to fix the Museum website by April so potential supporters see what we have and who we are. Retention works when you are out promoting your organization. There will be a poll on Southern Heritage and Culture conducted on the National level. When the results are collected, the Confederate Legion will email the results along with the ads to its members for distribution to the public.

The Seventh Order of Business – Historian-in-Chief Report: Historian-in-Chief Forrest Daws started out by donating a limited-edition “Memoirs of the Confederate War for Independence” by Colonel Heros von Borcke, which contained an original page from his manuscript, who came to America to fight for the Confederacy. A pin from the 1906 UCV Reunion. As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans much has been done documenting our Confederate Ancestors but what about the organization? To remedy this, there will be a two-phase process initiated. First, have the Armies appoint an Army Historian to help with this process to go along with Division and Camp Historians. The First Phase is from this point forward, have all Camps submit digital copies of applications and any information connected to the Camp on flash drives up the chain of command to the Historian-in-Chief to stop the accumulation of paper documents. The Second Phase is to have the Camps and Division scan any and all historical pictures and documents and follow the same procedures for submitting as stated earlier. The goal is to have a digital file on every Camp, Division and Army in the Confederation. Eric Previti reported that since 2019, nothing has been added to the paper files upstairs. Everything is now digital except for Camp Newsletters. There is over 100 years of paper documentation upstairs.

The Eighth Order of Business – 2025 National Reunion: Mr. Michael Hurley, 1st Lt. Texas Division Commander from Tyler, Texas and Chairman of the Texas 2025 National Reunion Committee presented an update on the proposed 2025 National Reunion. The date will be July 16 – 20, 2025 in Houston, Texas with the host hotel being the Marriot. The Marriot has agreed and this is in the Agreement that they will project the SCV Logo in the lobby for the duration of the Reunion. The Texas Division will be the host of the Reunion instead of a Camp. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna made a motion to accept Mr. Hurley’s proposal for the Texas Division to host the 2025 National Reunion in Houston, Texas and recommend it to the Reunion. The motion was seconded by ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone and the motion passed without objection.

New Bern, North Carolina may be the site of the 2026 National Reunion.

The Ninth Order of Business – Mississippi Division to enter Litigation: Mississippi Division Commander Conor Bond petitioned the Council for permission to allow the Mississippi Division to enter litigation against Grenada County for violating Mississippi's Monument Protection Law by covering the Confederate Monument in the city of Grenada for the past two – three years. The Mississippi Attorney General has done nothing to date. The Division will be suing as co-plaintiffs with the SCV members living in Grenada County. The Mississippi Division will cover all costs and is therefore asking for no funds. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion to allow the Mississippi Division to enter into litigation. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

At 12:04 PM, the General Executive Council recessed for lunch with Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle offering the blessing. The Council is to reconvene at 1:15 PM.

At 1:00 PM, the General Executive Council reconvened in the Confederate Museum to view the contents contained in the UCV Time Capsule uncovered in Shreveport, Louisiana. All contents are being donated to the Museum.

At 1:20 PM, the General Executive Council reconvened.

The Tenth Order of Business – Adjutant-in-Chief: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill reported he had two items to present. First: after the Reunion at Cartersville, there was a question about the proper procedure of establishing a quorum. Section 8.5 in the Constitution states a quorum is present when one-third of registered delegates are present. Adjutant McCaskill contends the only way to properly establish a quorum would be by roll call of the camps. After discussing the issue at length, this issue was tabled until a future Zoom Meeting.

Second: report from the Budget and Finance Committee. The Old Brunswick Camp # 512 in Lawrenceville, VA made a request for \$5,000 to help with their project to raise a monument in Hollywood Cemetery to B/G William Starke. The recommendation passed by the Committee was to grant the request by earmarking \$5,000 in the Rosen-Maury Fund for this project but not to disburse the funds until the Camp had raised the 75% of the projected cost of the project which was \$30,000. An updated funding report was received showing the Camp had raised 76% of the needed funds so the recommendation was amended to disburse the \$5,000 from the Rosen-Maury Fund to Camp 512 for this project. AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee with the caveat to hold the funds until a letter from Hollywood Cemetery has been received that the monument would remain in place for perpetuity. The motion was seconded by ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone and the motion passed without objection.

The Eleventh Order of Business – Sale of Arkansas Property: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported an offer has been made on the Helena, AR property and he is working with Executive Director Adam T. Southern to complete the sale.

The Twelfth Order of Business – Constitution Amendments & Resolution Committee Report: Chairman Chuck McMichael asked for a policy change that when the proposed amendment is published in the Veteran Magazine that it includes the author's reasoning for change and the Committee's reasons for adoption or not adopting the amendment. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to accept the recommendation for this policy change as presented. AOT Councilman Carl Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

At 1:28 PM, CST, a motion was by Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session allowing Chief Investigator Roy Hudson and Executive Director Adam T. Southern to remain. The motion was seconded by ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret and the motion passed without objection.

During the Executive Session, the General Executive Council heard and acted on three recommendations from the Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action against three members. The Council heard the Judge Advocate-in-Chief's opinion on qualifications for membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans voted to write a policy to clarify the issue. Lastly, the Council heard two issues originating in the Mississippi Division and took appropriate actions.

At 2:28 PM, CST, ATM Commander J. C. Hanna made a motion for the General Executive Council to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy and the motion passed without objection.

AOT Councilman Carl Jones made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples and the motion passed without objection.

Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, with

Dan A. McCaskill

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

Request for funds from the Georgia Division

Excerpt from the minutes of the GEC meeting from March 6, 2021

Sixth Order of Business: Budget and Finance Committee Report by Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill. A Request for Grant had been received from the Georgia Division in the amount of \$72,046 needed to bring to conclusion eleven lawsuits involving the removal and threatened removal of Confederate Monuments and/or statues. The Georgia Division has spent to date \$108,074.81 of Division funds. The Budget and Finance Committee determined that a positive message needed to be sent to the membership that the General Executive Council was doing something to defend Confederate Monuments. The recommendation of the Committee to the General Executive Council was to advance the Georgia Division \$50,000 with \$25,000 each coming from the Heritage Defense Fund and Rosen-Mowery Fund with the option to request the balance of \$22,000 at a later date. A motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow to accept the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones.

Motion passed 11-2 with 1 abstaining.

Gentlemen,

The Georgia Division is requesting the balance of \$22,000 to continue their fight. As many of you know the Georgia Division received a favorable ruling from the Georgia Supreme Court; Here is a copy of a notice sent out to the membership:

With the Supreme Court decisions in Newton, Henry, and DeKalb Counties clearly showing that the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), its local camps, and its members and supporters have “standing” to maintain cases in the courts under Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1, cases are being refiled in counties that were previously dismissed under the now-repudiated legal theories used by cities and counties to defend their violations of the law.

The most recent case to be refiled is in Brunswick, Georgia. The Brunswick city government has already removed the Confederate monument from Hanover Park in Brunswick where it stood since 1902.

The two defenses relied upon by the City have been removed by the voters of the State of Georgia repealing sovereign immunity by constitutional amendment effective January 1, 2021, and the recent decisions of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The road is now clear for the vindication of Georgia law in the courtrooms of Glynn County.

The plaintiffs are the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp #485, the local SCV camp, and local members and residents of Glynn County. These are all parties deemed to be

“stakeholders” by the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The City of Brunswick has claimed that it does not own the monument. The law of the State of Georgia is quite clear that it does. The SCV is requesting a ruling on this issue from the court.

Additionally, even if the City were entitled to remove the monument – which the plaintiffs hold it does not – it *“shall be relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access within the same county or municipality in which the monument was originally located.”* (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1.)

It has not been, and no plans have been disclosed to indicate that it will be relocated. Instead, the City has sought to dispose of the monument to third parties.

As with the other cases, this ruling by the Supreme Court of Georgia gives the SCV, its members, and supporters of honest history a day in Court.

A copy of the filed complaint is attached.

For further information contact:

Martin K. O'Toole
Spokesman, Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans
GASCVPR@gmail.com
Cell: 678/232-8638

The Georgia Division has spent \$162,000 from their funds to date. This does not include the \$50,000 that the SCV provided in their grant request (Total \$212,000). This definitely shows they have “skin in the game”. They continue to fundraise. With the Supreme Court ruling they not only have standing, they have the ability to recoup filing and attorney fees from the cases.

I hope you will consider helping the Georgia Division in their fight.

Jimmy Hill

Commander
Army of Tennessee