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"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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Compatriots and friends,

As election day is not far away, we have included the following note from our National Judge Advocate. We encourage all to exercise their right to vote, but please remember to remain within these guidelines in doing so.

Many of our compatriots were "missing in action" last month, but we hope to see many here this month whom we have not seen in a while. Help us out by encouraging as many as you can to attend and bring someone with you. You may think that you are not missed, but you are and your presence is more encouraging than you may imagine. We need your input this month on what rifle/pistol we will offer in our next raffle. This is very important, as it is our only method of raising funds to support Southern Heritage causes and pay our bills.

Please note the upcoming events at Rivers Bridge State Historical Site as there are a number of good speakers and subjects. I'm sure they will all be exceptional, but two that sound particularly interesting are Mr. Greenwall's talk on the Orphan Brigade and Mrs. Stokes on the plight of civilians in Sherman's path; a much overlooked subject in my humble opinion. Support the Site by your presence.

Be present and accounted for at Barker's Mill on Tuesday, October 18th!
Pete



Pete Boineau

Dear Compatriots,

It is "Election Season" in the United States, and therefore a good time to remind all SCV members of certain restrictions placed on the SCV as a result of our Federal Tax Status.

Acting for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, or as an Officer, Camp, or other SCV Subdivision, you may not promote any particular candidate or political party. The Federal Tax Code does not allow the SCV or an SCV entity, in such SCV capacity, to promote candidates or parties. The reason the SCV does not and cannot promote particular candidates is because the SCV can and will lose its "non-profit" classification if such is allowed.

In your personal capacity, you may be politically involved and may promote any candidate of your choosing; just don't cite your SCV office or membership status in your communications. In your individual capacity, you may promote candidates and/or parties without adverse impact upon the SCV's tax status. Nothing prohibits you from promoting a candidate, in your individual capacity. But, you cannot invoke the name of the SCV to promote any particular party or candidate.

Please help us maintain the advantageous tax status afforded non-profit corporations. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a Non-profit, 501(c) corporation, and desires to maintain such status.

I appreciate your attention to this issue. Let's work together to ensure that the SCV goals and plans are advanced as effectively as possible.

Scott D. Hall, Esq
Judge Advocate-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans



SCV Telegraph

Thomas Henry Doss



Thomas Henry Doss served as a private in the Confederate Army in Company I of the 42nd Virginia Infantry and was killed during the Battle of Gettysburg on Culp's Hill July 2, 1863. The 42nd Infantry Regiment, organized at Staunton, Virginia in July, 1861 recruited its members in Henry, Floyd, Bedford, Campbell, Roanoke, Patrick, and Franklin counties. After fighting at First Kernstown and in Jackson's Valley Campaign, the unit was assigned to J. R. Jones' and W. Terry's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It was active in many conflicts from the Seven Days' Battles to Cold Harbor, then moved with Early to the Shenandoah Valley and was involved in the Appomattox operations. This regiment reported 70 casualties at First Kernstown and totalled 750 effectives in May,

1862. It sustained no losses during the Seven Days' Battles but had many at Cedar Mountain. There were 62 disabled at Second Manassas, 26 at Fredericksburg, and 135 at Chancellorsville. Of the 265 engaged at Gettysburg, twenty-one percent were killed, wounded, or missing; among the killed was Private Thomas Henry Doss. Only 1 officer and 44 men surrendered at Appomattox.

A movie about Private Doss' great great grandson **Desmond Thomas Doss** will be coming to theaters in November; the title is **Hacksaw Ridge**. The movie is primarily about what Private First Class Doss did to be awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II. Go see it if you get an opportunity. In a day when the title "hero" is used indiscriminately to the point of having no meaning, you'll see what a true Hero is.

Medal of Honor Citation - Desmond Thomas Doss

He was a company aid man when the 1st Battalion assaulted a jagged escarpment 400 feet high. As our troops gained the summit, a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire crashed into them, inflicting approximately 75 casualties and driving the others back. Pfc. Doss refused to seek cover and remained in the fire-swept area with the many stricken, carrying all 75 casualties one-by-one to the edge of the escarpment and there lowering them on a rope-



Great great grandson of Private Thomas Henry Doss Co. I 42nd Virginia, CSA.

supported litter down the face of a cliff to friendly hands. On May 2, he exposed himself to heavy rifle and mortar fire in rescuing a wounded man 200 yards forward of the lines on the same escarpment; and 2 days later he treated 4 men who had been cut down while assaulting a strongly defended cave, advancing through a shower of grenades to within eight yards of enemy forces in a cave's mouth, where he dressed his comrades' wounds before making 4 separate trips under fire to evacuate them to safety. On May 5, he unhesitatingly braved enemy shelling and small arms fire to assist an artillery officer. He applied bandages, moved his patient to a spot that offered protection from small arms fire and, while artillery and mortar shells fell close by, painstakingly administered plasma. Later that day, when an American was severely wounded by fire from a cave, Pfc. Doss crawled to him where he had fallen 25 feet from the enemy position, rendered aid, and carried him 100 yards to safety while continually exposed to enemy fire. On May 21, in a night attack on high ground near Shuri, he remained in exposed territory while the rest of his company took cover, fearlessly risking the chance that he would be mistaken for an infiltrating Japanese and giving aid to the injured until he was himself seriously wounded in the legs by the explosion of a grenade. Rather than call another aid man from cover, he cared for his own injuries and waited 5 hours before litter bearers reached him and started carrying him to cover. The trio was caught in an enemy tank attack and Pfc. Doss, seeing a more critically



President Truman decorates Pfc. Doss with the Medal of Honor.

wounded man nearby, crawled off the litter; and directed the bearers to give their first attention to the other man. Awaiting the litter bearers' return, he was again struck, by a sniper bullet while being carried off the field by a comrade, this time suffering a compound fracture of one arm. With magnificent fortitude he bound a rifle stock to his shattered arm as a splint and then crawled 300 yards over rough terrain to the aid station. Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions Pfc. Doss saved the lives of many soldiers. His name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty.



Upcoming Programs at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site (2016-2017)

Oct. 15: Mr. Dan Bell will talk about new research done on the Battle of Rivers Bridge. **(Meet at 1:30 pm at the Community Building).**

Nov. 5: Mr. Cecil Greenwall will talk about his research on Kentucky's Orphan Brigade and its defense of South Carolina. **(Meet at 1:30 pm at the Community Building).**

Jan. 1: First Day Hike. Hike with a Ranger on the Nature Trail and also receive a Battlefield Tour with the Interpretive Ranger. **(Meet at 10:00 am at the Community Building). FREE FOR ALL**

Feb. 4: Dr. Graham Long will speak about his research on Battery Pringle. Dr. Fritz will talk about what's happening at the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. **(Meet at 1:30 pm at the Community Building).**

March 4: Mrs. Karen Stokes talks about the plight of civilians in Sherman's path. **(Meet at 1:30 pm at the Community Building).**

April 1: Civil War Trust Day **(Voluntary park cleanup with fun activities and speaker).** Dr. Steve Wise lectures on the Battle of Honey Hill. **(Meet at 9:00 am at the Community Building). FREE FOR ALL**

All programs cost \$5.00 dollars per adult. Free for children 16 and under.

Program at Rivers Bridge SHS

325 State Park Road, Ehrhardt, S.C. 29018

Rivers Bridge is offering a tour beginning at 1:30 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Tour will begin at 1:30. At 3:00, our featured guest speaker, Dan Bell, will be talking about new research he has done on the Battle of Rivers Bridge. Snacks and drinks will be provided at the Community Building following the Tour. The Cost is only \$5.00 per Adult and 16 and under are FREE! Anyone wearing a Rivers Bridge T-shirt gets in FREE! Rivers Bridge T-shirts available for purchase in Office, which will include Free Tour and Program.

We will meet at the Community Building at Rivers Bridge State Historic Site at 1:30 pm and then we will proceed to the battlefield from there.



Confederate Reunion prior to 1917; The thin gray line is passing away.

1. Henry Zachary "Big Z" McMillan—6th from the left (back row)
2. Richard Morris—8th from the left (back row) (2nd South Carolina Artillery, Co. G)
3. Jacob Robert Priester—2nd from left (front row)
4. William Thomas Cave—1st from the right (front row) (17th S.C. Infantry, Co. H)
5. Alfred Kinard—1st from the right (excluding black man) (back row) (This one is questionable.)
6. Perry Varn—11th from left (back row)

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Camp No. 842 Calendar

Oct 8, 1862	Battle of Perryville, Kentucky
Oct 12, 1870	Robert E. Lee "Strikes the tent."
Oct 18	Regular Camp Meeting 7 pm
Nov 15	Regular Camp Meeting
Dec 20	Regular Camp Meeting

Thank you, Andy, for keeping our grounds so manicured.

Compatriots,

As you may know, the SCV is moving forward rapidly with the new Confederate Museum at our Headquarters at Elm Springs. With about \$500,000 in our account, we are going to need to raise over \$2.5M to turn this dream into reality.

The 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166 in Wake Forest, North Carolina has issued a challenge to each of our camps to raise and donate at least \$1,000 for the Confederate Museum. As I believe that competition is normally healthy, I would like to accept this challenge for our Confederation and I will have a prize for the camp which donates the greatest amount of money for the building of our museum. What that prize is will be a secret, but I can assure you it will be worthy of the momentous sacrifice to achieve it. The start date of the competition is 15 August 2016 and the date we close this competition will be 31 December 2017 so each camp has a little less than 17 months to collect and donate their monies for this significant camp prize. You do not



Artist's rendering of National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs .

have to make just one donation - we will keep track of each donation for each camp, no matter how small or large. As a reminder, any person or camp who donates \$1,000 or more will be included on a plaque at the new museum.

As much as I look forward to this competition, let us work together in a true spirit of brotherhood as the ultimate prize is our museum. I ask that each camp try to match this challenge and, if possible, exceed it so that we may pay off the debt which we are surely going to have to incur to make this a reality. Our museum is so essential to our long term mission for providing THE educational venue for teaching our ancestors' story properly and with truth. Let us build this museum together for our posterity!

Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.
75th Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans