

# THE CONFEDERATE SENTINEL

*These Dead but Sceptered Sovereigns...*



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## *SCV Camp 2nd Lt. John Bethel Bowles*

### CELEBRATING OUR ANCESTORS IN OCTOBER

On Saturday, October 19th at 4:00 P.M., Camp John Bethel Bowles will join forces with Camp Quantrill's raiders at 4:00 P.M. at Ryan's, 3473 Burbank Road, Wooster, Ohio, to pay honor to our Confederate ancestors.

This dinner, begun by Quantrill's Raiders Commander Scott Morris, is an annual requirement under Article XIII of our Camp Constitution. Built upon military tradition dating back hundreds of years, it combines deeply significant symbolism, high ritual, somber reflection and joyful fellowship.

Ryan's is a great restaurant, and we will be ordering a la carte from the house menu. We have reserved a private room, so that we can engage undisturbed in this important event.

Compatriots: although I understand, that life often gets in the way of attending camp functions, this is the one time a year that we should all double and triple our

commitment to the promise that we make in reciting The Charge. It is also one of very few occasions where we are encouraged to invite our wives and other beloved, our children and other relations, and our friends to join us so that they may witness the importance of our cause and the dedication with which we uphold it.

**Please complete the form below and send it to me by October 14. Include the names of all Confederate ancestors you wish to have named, and biographical information for up to TWO whom you wish to speak about; this information will be included in the souvenir program.**

I will give a few days for it to arrive to you, then will follow up with a phone call. I know that I can count on you to do everything possible to clear your schedule for this most important occasion.

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**Check ONE and return to 348 South Monroe Street, Tiffin, OH 44883 by October 14 or e-mail to [scvcampbowles@gmail.com](mailto:scvcampbowles@gmail.com).**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commander Stobbs, I WILL attend** the annual Ancestors' Dinner on Saturday, October 19th, at 4:00 P.M. I will escort \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commander Stobbs, I will regretfully be unable to attend** this constitutionally mandated event.

## MINUTES, SEPTEMBER MEETING



ATTENDING: Commander Henry B. Stobbs, Lieutenant Commander Jeremy Harpel, Quartermaster First Sergeant Lon Leapley, Compatriot Steve Stachoviak.

A quorum of the Command staff having achieved, the meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM at the Seneca County Library, Tiffin. The Charge and Salute to the Confederate flag was led by Compatriot Stachoviak.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Commander Stobbs encouraged members to contact Nicole Johnson to order a camp vest, and pointed out her skill and willingness to fit to order.
- Commander Stobbs discussed details of the Ancestors' dinner (see page 1).
- Dues: As of the meeting date, only Compatriot Chaplain Brobston had not submitted dues. QM Leapley expressed great concern that a camp officer was not in good standing. CDR Stobbs stated that he had contacted Chaplain Brobston on several occasions by e-mail and phone, and that Cpt. Brobston had promised to remit his dues in good order.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership voted unanimously on a motion by QM Leapley seconded by Lt.Cdr. Harpel to accept the transfer of Compatriot Don Blankenship. A former camp commander and retired police officer with 25 years of service, Compatriot Blankenship's ancestor of record is Private Elijah Mullins, Company

H, 10th "Diamond's" Kentucky Cavalry (aka 13th KY, 11th Mtd. Infantry). Cdr Stobbs signed Compatriot Blankenship's transfer request and forwarded it to SCV headquarters.

- Incentive Program / Points System. After some discussion, Lt. Cdr. Harpel motioned and had seconded by QM Leapley a motion to adopt a point-based system of incentives that will culminate in the Sam Watkins Award for Compatriotism. The award will include a framed certificate and gift card (camp funds permitting). All members in good standing (camp and national dues) will be eligible. Meeting attendance will earn one point (Cdr/Lt. Cdr ineligible), and attendance at a non-meeting camp or other SCV event will earn 2 points (attendance at multi-day events earn 2 points per day). Attendance of the annual SCV reunion will earn 10 points. Cdr. Stobbs will review past newsletters and other documents to determine past point totals. Points will be recorded to include name, date/time, name and place of event.
- Annual camp barbecue. Membership engaged in a general discussion of how to build camp camaraderie. Consensus was reached that membership should be polled to determine what they would like to do: annual barbecue in late spring/early fall; fall harvest party; Christmas potluck; all of these are possible. Cdr. Stobbs will survey membership to determine what they would like to see.
- Fundraising raffle. Membership agreed unanimously on the motion of Cdr. Stobbs seconded

by Lt. Cdr. Harpel to conduct a fundraising raffle. A suitable revolver will be the prize. Tickets will be sold at \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00 and will continue until December 21. The first venue was designated to be the Lucky Fall Festival; Compatriot Stachoviak was tasked to follow up to determine if the Hayes Reenactment would present a suitable venue. Cdr. Stobbs volunteered to print tickets.

- QM Leapley graciously donated \$9.00 to the camp for the purpose of meeting camp expenses. Cdr. Stobbs accepted the donation with gratitude for Compatriot Leapley's dedication and generosity.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the Ancestors' Dinner on Saturday, October 19th, 4:00 P.M. in Wooster, Ohio (see page 1).

ADJOURNMENT: No further business remaining to be discussed, Cdr. Stobbs moved to adjourn, seconded by Lt.Cdr. Harpel and carried by consensus. QM Leapley led the benediction (Charge recited out of order at opening). The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.



## THE COMMANDER'S FIELD DESK

Sometimes, dear friends and compatriot's, life serves up a slice of lemon to remind us of how sweet it really is. Such has been the recent case with your commander when, after a particularly taxing school day, I



suffered some kind of attack that propelled me to the Emergency Room of my local hospital (wonderful

people!) and to a subsequent series of medical appointments to rule out this, that, and the other thing.

What seems clear is, that I must find ways to lead a less stressful life. Or risk more serious and permanent injury to my life. I am a disabled veteran suffering from a traumatic stress injury that left my nerves a bit "sensitive," and this seems to lie at the cause of my current health concerns.

What is certainly true, is that I am grateful to every one of you for your well-received and effective prayers and well wishes. I am particularly grateful to QM and Mrs. Leapley, whose prayers and card were "balm for the soul" as I faced an the days following my crisis.

Unfortunately, my attack occurred as I was heading to Columbus to pick up the revolver intended for our fundraising raffle. Lt. Cdr. Harpel took the decision, based on the circumstances, to postpone the raffle until we could do more planning and I might get back my strength. I hope that we will be able to "kick off" the raffle very soon.

Indeed, tickets are available now, if you would like to purchase one or more.

I am looking forward to the Ancestors' Dinner, an event that is so very important to the principles behind The Charge that it is embedded within our Camp Constitution (Article XIII). We will be joining forces with our compatriots of Camp Quantrill's Raiders No. 2087 at Ryan's Restaurant in Wooster. I hope sincerely that most of us will attend, and I ask that all of you send me the names of all your Confederate ancestors for inclusion in the program. If you plan to attend, please send me a more extensive biography for up to TWO men; you will have the opportunity to share their story and to raise a toast to their memories.

I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our newest member, Compatriot Don Blankenship. Don is a retired law enforcement officer and former camp commander. I believe that his experience will serve Camp Bowles very well. Don's Confederate ancestor was Elijah Mullins of the 10th Kentucky Cavalry (also known as the 11th and 14th). I will leave further elaboration of his ancestor's story to Compatriot Blankenship at the Ancestors' Dinner!

We have instituted a new program to recognize the efforts of camp members to attend meetings and other SCV-related events. The new program is centered around the "Sam Watkins Award for Compatriotism",

(Do you know who Sam Watkins was? You should!)



which will include a framed certificate and, depending on the availability of funds, a gift card or certificate. The certificate will be presented at the first meeting of the year, and will be awarded to the compatriot who has earned the most points.

Meeting attendance will earn one point, except that the commander and lieutenant commander are ineligible for meeting points. Attendance at other camp, SCV, or SCV-related events will be awarded on the basis of two points per event or, in multi-day events, two points per day. Attendance of the annual reunion will earn 10 points.

It is my hope that this merit system will serve to both recognize compatriots for their service to the camp and "spur us on" to do as much as we can to serve the Cause and live up to The Charge in which it is reflected.

*Semper vigilantissimi,*  
H.B.S.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October Ancestors' Dinner,  
Wooster, Ohio—See Page 1..**

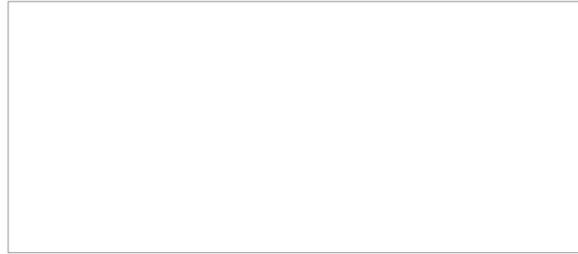
**November meeting—16th,  
1:00 P.M., location to be  
announced.**

**Camp E-mail:** We have a camp e-mail address, and yours truly would be grateful to you if you would use it for camp communications. It is: [scvcampbowles@gmail.com](mailto:scvcampbowles@gmail.com). I will share with each of you at the next meeting the password which you will need to receive mail at this address. Remember, it will be open for everyone to read, so keep it for camp communications only.

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#### THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

##### A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

*(Attributed to a battle weary C.S.A soldier near the end of the war)*

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.

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