



***The SOUTHERN CROSS
Newsletter of the Sterling***

Price Camp #145

Sons of Confederate

Veterans

St. Louis, MO

April 2016

Charge to the Sons

“To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”

General Stephen Dill Lee

Camp Officers

Commander – Ray Cobb

First Lt. Commander – Bob Kennedy

Second Lt Commander – Bill Napier

Sgt. at Arms – Dan Maltman

Adjutant – Mike Harris

Camp Calendar and Other Events

John Harris has done an excellent job at lining up programs for the camp meetings. Here’s some of what he has in store for the new year.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

“The Rope and the Open Square: Civil War Crime and Punishment”
Tom Pearson, Library Subject Specialist, Saint Louis Public Library

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

"Camp Jackson"
Gene Dressel, Utz Camp SCV

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Military Civil War Ball

For more information go to www.StLouisCivilWarBall.com

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony, 2 P.M. Fee Fee Cemetery.

Held by the Major James M. Utz Camp. All Price Camp members are invited to attend.

Tuesday, June 14,

"The Sultana Tragedy"
William Napier, Sterling Price Camp SCV

July 13-17, 2015

121st National Reunion, Dallas, TX

Anyone wishing to attend the 2016 Re-union should go on-line (www.scv2016.org) and either fill out the registration online or make a copy of the registration and send it by mail. **The registration form that appeared in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine should NOT be used as it now has outdated information.**

Please join us. All monthly meetings are held at Syberg's Restaurant - Dorsett, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043. Directions: Syberg's Dorsett is at the NE corner of the intersection of I-270 & Dorsett Rd, about one mile north of Page Ave. Fellowship begins at 5:30 and the meeting is called to order at 6:30. Are you interested in presenting at a program, or know of someone who is in 2016, contact John at a meeting or at thepooka342@gmail.com.

Camp News

CALL FOR ARTICLES and prayer requests. Please send items you think might be of interest to camp members for inclusion in the *Southern Cross*. Or if you have a concern you want to share. Can't think of any, then organize a rally or grave marker dedication and send in photos. Send them to thanksarchie@hotmail.com or Southern Cross, P.O. Box 220084, Kirkwood, MO 63122

We can help the camp financially when we shop at Schnuck's. If you identify yourself as an eScrip participant or the camp, the Sterling Price Camp collects a percentage of what you spend each month. Inquire at your local Schnuck's store.

Minutes from the Sterling Price Camp Meeting

Sterling Price Camp Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Commander Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Invocation** – The invocation was given by Compatriot Chuck Knight.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Jim Stevens.
4. **Salute to the Confederate Flag** – The Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Compatriot Jim England.
5. **Reading of the Minutes and Treasurer’s Report** – A motion was made, seconded and passed to forgo the reading of the February 9, 2016 camp meeting minutes and Treasurer’s Report. As of March 8, 2016, the balance in the primary checking account was \$3512.41, primary savings was \$1261.78 and the monument fund was \$1923.48, for a total of \$6697.67.
6. **Communications**
 - a. Commander Cobb recognized our guests, which included Mike Banasik, Brenda Banasik, Ben Nulton, Sandi Burnette, Dee Stratton and Jan Stevens.
 - b. Throughout the SCV, Flag Rallies were held on March 5, 2016. The Missouri Division Flag rally was held in Centralia, MO at the historic Centralia Battlefield. Five members of the Price Camp attended the Flag Rally. Jim England spoke to us about the rally. He stated that the rally was a very nice event with Missouri Division Commander Darrell Maples given a very good speech. News media were present with a representative from the local Centralia newspaper along with a representative from KMOU- Channel 8 television from Columbia, MO.
 - c. A swap meet will be held on March 19, 2016 at Jefferson Barracks. Bill Napier will be present will a table set up to recruit new camp members. Volunteers to assist Bill would be much appreciated.
 - d. The Missouri Division Reunion will be held on April 8-9, 2016 at the Isle of Capri Casino in Boonville, MO.
 - e. The Major James M. Utz Camp will hold a Confederate Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 2 PM. The ceremony will be held at Major Utz’s gravesite located in Fee Fee Cemetery. All Price Camp members are invited to attend.

- f. Compatriot Hal Fleming has contacted the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery regarding our camp's desire once again to place Confederate Flags on the more than 1100 Confederate graves located there on Memorial Day. We are awaiting approval.
- g. Compatriot Zach Burnette went through the new member induction ceremony and was welcomed into the Price Camp. Zach is thirteen years old and we all welcome him into our camp as a symbol of the future.
- h. Compatriot Jim Stevens was called to the podium by Commander Cobb and presented with his SCV Life Member Certificate. Life member dues were paid for by his daughter and the presentation of the Life Member Certificate to Jim was unexpected and a very pleasant surprise.
- i. A book was donated to the camp by Compatriot Gary Mayden to anyone in the camp that wanted to take it.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

10. Program for the Evening

John Harris introduced our guest speaker, Michael Banasik, who spoke to us regarding, "Churchill's Corp at the Battle of Pleasant Hill."

11. Any Other Announcements/Comments before Adjournment?

Our next camp meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

12. Singing of Dixie – Adjutant Mike Harris led us in the singing of Dixie.

13. Benediction

Pastor John Wilson led us in a closing prayer.

Son of the Confederate Next Door

**Seymour Stewart
Past Commander, Sterling Price Camp #145
Commander, Missouri Division
Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

During the course of its 120 year history, Sterling Price Camp #145 has had many prominent men serve as

Camp Commander. One of these was Seymour Stewart. Mr. Stewart had been an active member of the Camp for many years and served as Commander in 1906 and 1907. He was born in Thomason, Georgia on September 30, 1867, the son of Alcee William and Elizabeth Floyd (Green) Stewart. His father was a native of New Orleans, and during the war served as Captain of Company E, 20th Louisiana Infantry. During that time, he participated in many battles and engagements, including Corinth, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Perryville, where he was wounded. After the war, Captain Stewart move to St. Louis where he worked at the Merchant's Exchange, specializing in the Southern Commission business and Naval stores. Alcee Stewart was an active member of the St. Louis United Confederate Veterans Camp #731.d

Seymour Stewart moved to St. Louis with his parents in 1875, and was educated at Smith's Academy. In

1885, he began his business career with the Samuel C. Davis Dry Goods Company of St. Louis. In 1890, he joined with Charles S. Salveter and formed Salveter & Stewart, dealers in Men's furnishing goods, clothing and hats. During this time, Stewart also became a member of the Aetna Realty Company, and in 1908, at the age of forty-one, retired from active business.

After 1908 Seymour Stewart devoted himself to serving the Sons of Confederate Veterans on a full time basis. He served as Missouri Division Commander from 1911 until 1913, and in 1914 was elected to the National Executive Council. At the Jacksonville, Florida National Reunion, held on May 6-8, 1914, Stewart was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Seymour Stewart served as the sixteen Commander of the SCV, and was second of five Missourians to hold that title so far. He was a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, serving on their Board of Managers, and also served as Commissioner of the Mullanphy Emigrant Relief Fund. In 1912 his residence was at 5261 Washington Avenue, a very exclusive neighborhood at that time.

Seymour Stewart died on July 1, 1927, and was at the Little Rock, Arkansas Reunion the SCV paid the following tribute to him, in the form of a resolution:

"Whereas in the course of human affairs, men are moved to service and public works through many and conflicting motives. This has been true of this great patriotic and historic organization. Many brilliant and worthy Sons of the South have served as leaders of this great organization, but none of these has served with greater zeal or a more exalted sense of duty that the late Seymour Stewart, Past Commander-in-Chief. Along with the glorious tradition he gave to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. No one connected with the organization ever had less selfish ambition and personal interest in the life long devotion he gave to the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Therefore, be it resolved, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in convention assembled, go on record in this testimonial to the late Seymour Stewart, because we lost a comrade, a friend, and a sincere Southern patriot. His precious memory should be preserved and handed down along with the glorious tradition of the greatest army the world ever knew."

The Confederate Veteran Magazine 1914 p.445, 1928 p .277

Heritage Defense

Researchers say they've likely found Confederate shipwreck

Associated Press

MARTHA WAGGONER, Associated Press

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A large iron-hulled Civil War era steamer has been discovered in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of N.C., near Oak Island. Researchers and archaeologists

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An area off the North Carolina coast known for its Civil War shipwrecks may be adding another to the collection after the discovery of what is believed to be a Confederate blockade runner near Oak Island. Archaeologists using sonar imaging discovered the 226-foot-long remains of a shipwreck on Feb. 27 in an area where historical documents indicate three runners used during the blockade of the port of Wilmington are located, said Billy

Ray Morris, North Carolina's deputy state archaeologist who manages underwater operations. Morris and a team of divers will return Wednesday to the site, about 30 miles downstream near Fort Caswell

to confirm their finding. "Nobody's found a new Civil War wreck in decades," Morris said Monday. "With a high-energy maritime environment like you have off the coast of North Carolina, ships are broken apart. This one is relatively intact. You can see that it looks like a ship."

Three blockade runners are known to have been lost in the area: the Agnes E. Fry, Spunkie and Georgianna McCaw. "By the time I've crawled across it with a team of archaeologists and a couple of graduate students ... I'm confident I'll know which wreck it is," Morris said. He said he hopes to tackle the project on Wednesday. He added that he is not 100 percent certain that the shipwreck is one of the blockade runners.

Wrecks of 27 blockade runners, Confederate ironclads and Union ships used in the blockade have been found in the area that includes the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean around islands such as Oak Island, according to Morris. "It's the single best assemblage of Civil War shipwrecks anywhere in the world," he said.

Blockade runners were the cigarette boats of their era, moving fast with an unarmed captain and crew using their talents to avoid the Union ships and get their goods to land. Military supplies would be put on trains to Weldon in northern North Carolina, and then on to Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

The civilian supplies were sold dockside. They were items that the Confederacy couldn't make and which appealed to the wealthy, Morris said, such as wine and liquor, fancy fabric, books and shoes. The Union blockade of the port of Wilmington began in 1861 and ended in January 1865, when the Union troops closed the port and overtook Fort Fisher.

The Underwater Branch of the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology and the Institute of International Maritime Research discovered the shipwreck with the help of a multiyear grant called the American Battlefield Protection Program, Morris said. The grant, funded through the National Park Service, is ending this year, he said.

Editor's Rambling

As I write this I am in the heart of the Confederacy, Richmond. My work doesn't allow me to do much site seeing but on the drive down from Reagan Airport, I visited the birthplaces of both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. It really makes me proud to be an American and Southerner. As I watched Fox News, I just shuttered to think what those two greatest minds this nation's ever produced would think of what's become the USA. I noticed a lot of roads and highways named for the two as well as schools and office buildings. I fear after the election, Virginia may go bankrupt just printing and posting new names for all these structures. We have to fight on. Deo Vindice.

Charles Brulle, 1st Sergeant, 13th MO Light Artillery, CSA

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

"The Battle of Lexington"

Major (Retired) Douglas L Gifford, US Army, battlefield tour guide and author

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

"The Gettysburg Campaign"

Zachary Burnett, Sterling Price Camp SCV

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

"The Life and Times of Louis Rosché (1852-1937); Pioneer Steamboatman of St. Louis"

Barney Bradshaw, Missouri History Museum
