



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

***Price Camp #145***

***Sons of Confederate***

***Veterans***

***St. Louis, MO***

***June 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**

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

*“The Sultana Tragedy”*  
William Napier, Sterling Price Camp SCV

July 13-17, 2016

121<sup>st</sup> National Reunion, Dallas, TX

Anyone wishing to attend the 2016 Re-union should go on-line ([www.scv2016.org](http://www.scv2016.org)) and either fill out the registration online or make a copy of the registration and send it by mail.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

*"The Much Maligned Mountain Howitzer"*  
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

March 31 - April 1, 2017

Missouri Division/Missouri Society Reunion

Fulton, Missouri.

**Many details are yet to be determined, and those details will be shared later**

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 Bill Napier, our Program Director.

### **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](mailto:thanksarchie@hotmail.com) or Southern Cross, P.O. Box 220084, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

**News about Reinstatements** - In May, LtCiC Tom Strain sent out a delinquent letter to those members who had not reinstated since 2013. Since that time, the SCV Headquarters has received numerous phone calls and emails. If a member received a letter, then HQ has that member as not reinstated for this year.

We would request that if you received a letter, but you paid your dues to the camp, then please contact your camp adjutant to check whether he sent your reinstatement to National HQ. The current process is for a member to write a single check for camp, division, and national dues to the camp. The camp deposits that check into their camp checking account and then sends separate checks to division for division dues and to national for national dues. Most of the inquiries received are for camps not sending that check to national. If you contact the National HQ, we will only direct you to your camp adjutant first. If you contact LtCiC Strain, he will only contact National HQ.

If the camp did not send in your dues for whatever reason, all they need to do is send in the check annotating who it is for. We will be glad to take care of this administrative error.

A friendly reminder: the end of the SCV fiscal year is 31 July 2016. Membership dues are due on 1 August 2016, but we offer a 3 month grace period to get them in. On 1 November, all dues are considered late, non-paying members are delinquent, and require a \$5 reinstatement fee along with the annual dues. A member can also buy a life membership and can make payments, but is still required to pay annual dues until the conditional life membership is paid in full.

Sic Semper Tyrannis!

Michael L. Landree  
Executive Director  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
[exedir@scv.org](mailto:exedir@scv.org)

## **Sterling Price Camp Meeting Minutes**

**May 10, 2016**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Commander Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
2. **Invocation** – The invocation was given by Compatriot Chuck Knight.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Compatriot Daniel Maltman.
4. **Salute to the Confederate Flag** – The Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Compatriot Dan Maltman.
5. **Reading of the Minutes and Treasurer’s Report** – A motion was made, seconded and passed to forgo the reading of the April 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Adjutant Mike Harris provided the Treasurer’s Report. As of May 10, 2016 the balance in the primary checking account was \$3470.18, primary savings was \$1262.40 and the monument fund was \$1924.43, for a total of \$6657.01.
6. **Communications**
  - a. Commander Cobb recognized our guests, which included Richard McClenagan, Jan Stevens, Barb Hamm, Maureen Harris, Jeff Stapleton, and Sandi Burnett.
  - b. The Major James M. Utz Camp will be holding their Confederate Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 22 at 2PM at the Fee Fee Cemetery. All Price Camp members are invited to attend and are urged to wear their Confederate uniforms.
  - c. Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery has once again approved the display of Confederate Flags on the graves of the more than 1100 Confederates buried there. The Price Camp will display and remove these flags. Anyone who would like to participate in this patriotic memorial effort should plan to meet in the Confederate section of the cemetery on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 8:30 AM. Participants from the Utz Camp and Dixon Camp are welcome.
  - d. The Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Confederate Cemetery located in Higginsville, MO.
  - e. The SCV National Reunion will take place on July 13-14, 2016 in Dallas, Texas. This is an officer election year.
  - f. Maureen Harris has now become a “Friend of the SCV.” Commander Cobb presented her with a membership certificate, membership card and lapel pin.

**7. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports. However, the following committees were established with the named camp members as committee volunteers.

**Committee Name**

**Committee Volunteers**

1. Membership and Retention Committee

Bill Napier (Chairman)

Jim England

2. Program Committee

Bill Napier (Chairman)

Jim England

Charles Knight

3. Fund Raising Committee

None

**Committee Name**

**Committee Volunteers**

4. Monuments and Cemetery Committee

Richard Weaver

Jim England

Ed Hamm

5. Color Guard Committee

Bob Kennedy

Dan Maltman

6. Ceremonies Committee

Bob Kennedy

Jim England

**10. Program for the Evening**

John Harris introduced our guest speaker, Gene Dressel, who spoke to us on, "Camp Jackson."

**11. Any Other Announcements/Comments before Adjournment?**

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Our next camp meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

### **12. Singing of Dixie**

Compatriot Jim England led us in the singing of Dixie.

### **13. Benediction**

Compatriot Chuck Knight led us in a closing prayer.

### **The Confederate Next Door**

Maj. Atreus Joshua McCreery

1818-1907

Quartermaster

General Sterling Price's Staff



Maj. McCreery was the son of Dr. Charles McCreery (1785-1826) and Ann Wayman Crow (1792-1869) who resided in Hartford, Kentucky. Charles was the son of Capt. Robert McCreery, a Revolutionary War veteran and Mary McClanahan of Clark Co., Kentucky. Atreus was born in



1818.

Prior to the war, he resided near his dry goods business on Pine Street in St. Louis. He and at least one brother Phocion had relocated to the city. Phocion was in the wholesale dry good business with his uncle Wayman Crow at Crow McCreery & Company. Phocion was an original member of the corporation of Washington University in St. Louis. One of the buildings he owned was known as the "McCreery Building" which was confiscated by federals to be used as a hospital for Union soldiers and Confederate POWs. He served on Gen. Sterling Price's staff as a quartermaster, until captured in Arkansas and sent to Johnson's Island POW Camp. He was later paroled and served on the staff of Confederate Gen. Churchill in the Texas theater of the war. Compatriot Scott Williams has a copy of a letter he wrote Gen. Sterling Price while he was serving under Gen. Churchill, expressing his hope that he could once again serve under Price, who apparently was a good friend of his (in letter talks about seeing one of Gen. Price's sons who was recovering from a "dog bite"). Atreus



McCreery married Isabelle P. Churchill and is buried in Bellfontaine Cemetery, Plot: Section 98, Lot 1053, St. Louis, Missouri. They had no children. In 1870, Atreus lived in the household of Charles Dannls in Brenham, TX with Rippetoes. He resided in Austin Texas in 1880 as a widower still in the dry goods business . Florissant, Missouri.

The source of most of the information is from an Internet posting of Scott Williams. We haven't seen him in a long time but would sure like to.

## **Heritage Defense/Attacks**

### **Confederate Flags 'Selling Like Crack' on eBay**

Confederate flags are "selling like crack" on eBay although the online auction giant announced it would "prohibit the sale" of the flags following the June 17 attack on Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

<http://www.breitbart.com/california/2016/06/02/confederate-flags-selling-like-crack-ebay/>



Vocativ reports reports that one seller—Paul Riley—sold enough flags to “clear almost \$20,000 in sales” on Confederate flags alone. He also sold the flags at a rapid pace for the first part of this year, until eBay shut him down on June 2. They shut him down after the flag sales were uncovered by Vocativ.

Yet Vocativ has already discovered that other Confederate flag merchants remain. eBay spokesman Ryan Moore assured Vocativ that eBay does have mechanisms in place to help detect Confederate flag sales. Moore said, “We do have keyword filters in place to address prohibited items of this nature, as well as other proactive means to monitor the site.” But these mechanisms are clearly not catching all Confederate flag merchants. But to date, Vocativ says the flags are still being sold by various eBay merchants.

Well, this is the home of the free!



Confederate flags fly near a monument and over the graves of Confederate soldiers at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston., S.C., on May 10, which is observed as Confederate Memorial Day in the Carolinas. (Bruce Smith / Associated Press)

The Confederate flag should cause Americans to feel shame, not pride

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/readersreact/la-le-confederate-rebel-flag-cemeteries-20160602-snap-story.html>

**To the editor:** Two of the great horrors of western civilization are dealt with quite differently by their nations’ veterans associations. (“[Confederate flags have no place flying over national cemeteries](#),” editorial, May 30)

In Germany, no veterans organizations fly the Nazi flag. Along with the rest of Germany’s population, they are embarrassed by this disgraceful period in their history. People there do not ask to display the swastika flag in honor of their grandfather’s sacrifice in World War II.

In the southern states of America, the flag representing the short-lived nation that fought for human slavery is revered by millions. Its supporters say that it doesn’t represent slavery but rather states’ rights and respect for the fallen.

Embarrassed? Not so much.

Vince Scully, Long Beach

Name sound familiar? He’s the “famous” sports announcer.

## GA city demands homeowner remove Confederate display from yard

JUNE 7, 2016

BY VICTOR SKINNER

Lafayette's Kevin Smith spent three years building a Civil War display in the front yard of his North Georgia home, a homage complete with life-sized mannequins set up to depict different battles fought locally. "It's history and it's heritage and it's not hate," Smith told [WRCB](#). "A presentation. Because I've tried to put the display around town so our tourists can see the history and draw tourism down here."

But the city's Housing Authority served Smith with a notice Thursday that contends officials received complaints and requests that Smith call the office.

"I have had complaints about the mannequins and Confederate flag. Sorry but they have to go," the notice read.

It did not detail who made the alleged complaints or cite any specific safety or code violations. Regardless, Smith said he doesn't plan on removing the display he's worked so hard to perfect. "I'm standing my ground. This is a part of our history," said Smith, who donned the same Civil War regalia as his front yard soldiers.



"It is to educate so we don't fight another war."

WRCB reports that "based on the notice he was provided, it's not clear when the display must be removed or what action the Housing Authority plans to take if it is not."

### Editor's Rambling

I don't know how you all feel about the "Black Lives Matter" crowd, but I have a feeling it's not your cup of tea. So much is being made by the crowd, at the inducement of the media, to posit that the lives of unarmed black "yutes" are endangered by law enforcement. *Imprimis*, the publication of Hillsdale College, (the same one who did the excellent piece on Ty Cobb) features this month some very interesting statistics. It is available at <https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/the-danger-of-the-black-lives-matter-movement/>. I think the African-American community should wake up and see the BLM movement as a threat to them.

"Every year, approximately 6,000 blacks are murdered. This is a number greater than white and Hispanic homicide victims combined, even though blacks are only 13 percent of the national population. Blacks are killed at six times the rate of whites and Hispanics combined. In Los



Angeles, blacks between the ages of 20 and 24 die at a rate 20 to 30 times the national mean. Who is killing them? Not the police, and not white civilians, but other blacks. The astronomical black death-by-homicide rate is a function of the black crime rate. Black males between the ages of 14 and 17 commit homicide at ten times the rate of white and Hispanic male teens combined. Blacks of all ages commit homicide at eight times the rate of whites and Hispanics combined, and at eleven times the rate of whites alone.”

The police could end all lethal uses of force tomorrow and it would have at most a trivial effect on the black death-by-homicide rate. The nation’s police killed 987 civilians in 2015, according to a database compiled by *The Washington Post*. Whites were 50 percent—or 493—of those victims, and blacks were 26 percent—or 258. Most of those victims of police shootings, white and black, were armed or otherwise threatening the officer with potentially lethal force.

The black violent crime rate would actually predict that *more* than 26 percent of police victims would be black. Officer use of force will occur where the police interact most often with violent criminals, armed suspects, and those resisting arrest, and that is in black neighborhoods. In America’s 75 largest counties in 2009, for example, blacks constituted 62 percent of all robbery defendants, 57 percent of all murder defendants, 45 percent of all assault defendants—but only 15 percent of the population.”

It’s a good read. The author, Heather MacDonald, has written a new book, *The War on Cops: How The New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe* (forthcoming June 2016) that exposes the real point of the Black lives Matter movement, a lawless society in which everyone especially law enforcement officers are targets, the product of 50 years of the Great Society’s war on poverty.

Everyone have a great and safe summer!

**2016 PROGRAM  
STERLING PRICE CAMP #145  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

- Tuesday, January 12, 2016**    *"Missouri State Guard, Patriot Army of Missouri"*  
John Harris, Sterling Price Camp SCV
- Tuesday, February 9, 2016**    *"The Flight of Jefferson Davis"*  
Gale Red, Dixon Camp SCV
- Tuesday, March 8, 2016**    *"Churchill's Corps at the Battle of Pleasant Hill"*  
Michael Banasik, Historian, Author and Retired US Army Officer
- 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
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016**    *"The Sultana Tragedy"*  
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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
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**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

*“The Life and Times of Louis Rosché (1852-1937); Pioneer Steamboatman of St. Louis”*  
Barney Bradshaw, Missouri History Museum