



The SOUTHERN CROSS
Newsletter of the Sterling
Price Camp #145
Sons of Confederate
Veterans
St. Louis, MO
May 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, May 10, 2016

“Camp Jackson”
Gene Dressel, Utz Camp SCV

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.

Saturday, June 4, 2016

**Confederate Memorial Day Celebration at the
Confederate Cemetery located in Higginsville, MO.**

**10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
See the last pages of the Southern Cross**

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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

July 13-17, 2016

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 **The registration form that appeared in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine should NOT be used as it now has outdated information.**

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 or Southern Cross, P.O. Box 220084, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Congratulations to the new our new Division officers:

- Keith Daleen is our new Missouri Division Commander. Keith is from the Shelby Camp in Warrensburg, MO.
- Dave Roper is our new Division First Lt. Commander. Dave is from the Utz Camp in Florissant, MO.

- Don Bowman is our new Division Adjutant. Don is from the Searcy Camp in Columbia, MO.
- Tim Borron was reelected Western Brigade Commander. Tim is from the Hughes Camp in Independence, MO.
- Mark Stuart is our new Central Brigade Commander. Mark is from the Searcy Camp in Columbia, MO.
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Confederate Memorial Day, Higginsville

The Confederate Memorial Day, Saturday June 4th, in Higginsville, promises to be a day worthy of a visit. This event is the:

125 Anniversary of Julius Bainberge admission as first inmate

124th Anniversary of the completion of the Chapel

123th Anniversary of 60 men admitted at the official opening of the Confederate Veterans

Home, with Gen. Jo Shelby in attendance

The Confederate Home Chapter 203 UDC Ladies will be having lunch for sale and a bake sale all day.

Confederate Reenacting units that wish to set up tents and/or do living history are welcome. For information contact Arlene at the Confederate Memorial Friends Association at 660-584-2031, for motel and bed-and-breakfast information also.

Sterling Price Camp Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Commander Kennedy 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 Bill Napier.
4. **Salute to the Confederate Flag** – The Salute to the Confederate Flag was led by Compatriot and Guest Gene Dressel.
5. **Reading of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report** – A motion was made, seconded and passed to forgo the reading of the March 8, 2016 camp meeting minutes. Adjutant Mike Harris provided the Treasurer's Report. As of April 12, 2016, the balance in the primary checking account was \$3499.03, primary savings was \$1262.40 and the monument fund was \$1924.43, for a total of \$6685.86.
6. **Communications**
 - a. Commander Cobb recognized our guests, which included Dee Stratton, Barb Hamm, Tom Pearson, Maureen Harris, Sandi Burnett and Gene Dressel.

- b. Bill Napier reported to the camp on the Swap Meet held at Jefferson Barracks on March 19, 2016. Bill stated there were many morning shoppers but few actual buyers. By about 12:30 PM, customer traffic had about ceased. Bill did supply an SCV new member application to one potential candidate. So far, he has not responded.
- c. The Major James M. Utz Camp invites all to attend their Confederate Memorial Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016 beginning at 2 PM at the Fee Fee Cemetery. The ceremony will be held adjacent to Major Utz's gravesite.
- d. Mike Harris reported to the camp on the Missouri Division Reunion held at the Isle of Capri Casino in Boonville, MO on April 8-9, 2016. Two new camps were chartered in Missouri. They are the Surgeon John Cravens Camp #2276 in Gallatin, MO and the Gen. M. Jeff Thompson Camp #2277 in Farmington, MO. SCV National CiC Charles Kelly Barrow presented the new charters to Camp Commanders Lanny Dixon (Cravens Camp) and John Bates (Thompson Camp). Missouri Division Commander Darrell Maples stated that attendance at Saturday morning's business meeting, attendance at the MOS&B luncheon and attendance at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet was the largest at each of these segments since these events have been held. Authors Ronnie and Donnie Kennedy were present and were guest speakers at the MOS&B luncheon. SCV National CiC Charles Kelly Barrow was the guest speaker at the evening Awards Banquet.

In addition, a representative from the National Parks Service was present and brought along with him an original oil painting of Gen. Sterling Price, the original copy of the Missouri State Articles of Secession from the United States adopted and approved on October 31 1861, the sash worn by Gen Patrick Cleburne when he was killed at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864, military uniforms and many other War Between the States artifacts.

Finally, this was an election year and new Division officers were elected.

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- e. The Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, June

4, 2016 at the Confederate Cemetery located in Higginsville, MO.

- f. Bill Napier, who is our new camp Program Director, asked for volunteers from the camp to make presentations during 2017.

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, Tom Pearson, who spoke to us on, "The Rope and the Open Square: Civil War Crime and Punishment"

11. Any other Announcements/Comments before Adjournment?

Our next camp meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

12. Singing of Dixie

Compatriot Tom Kennedy led us in the singing of Dixie.

13. Benediction

Compatriot Chuck Knight led us in a closing prayer.

A LITTLE TRIVIA IN HONOR OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY

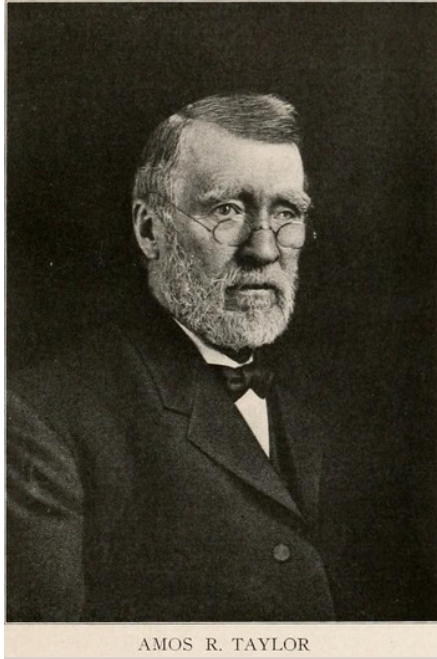
The historic Oakland House in south St. Louis County was home to Aristides, the winner of the first Kentucky Derby. Oakland House is a completely restored mansion built in 1853 by Louis A. Benoist, a pioneer banker. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey of the U.S. Department of Interior in the Library of Congress.

The Confederate Next Door

**Amos Riley Taylor
1842 – 1920
Captain
Company H**

Eighth and Twelfth Regiments Consolidated

Amos was born in Daviess Co., KY on January 23, 1842 to Howard and Elton (Riley) Taylor. Amos's father was a farmer born in Virginia. His great-grandfather William Graham, raised a company in the Rappahannock Valley known as the Silver Grays, which he commanded under General George Washington. Amos spent 2 or 3 years in the seminary at Owenboro College, Kentucky before he entered the third year at Yale College in 1860, where he pursued a classical course until the outbreak of war. Upon hearing of the outbreak of war in 1861, Amos closed his books and enter the Confederate army, enlisting in Co A, 1st Kentucky Calvary, under General Benjamin Hardin Helm, the brother in law of Abe Lincoln. Amos was chosen second lieutenant of the company in July, 1862. This company was of the Eighth and Twelfth Kentucky Regiments Consolidated. He was taken prisoner at Tuscumbia, Alabama and exchanged at Huntsville 20 days later. At Columbus, MS he was paroled, in May 1865. At that time he was a captain in the 8th and Twelfth Consolidated KY Calvary, Co. H., under General Nathan Bedford Forrest.



AMOS R. TAYLOR

Taylor read law at Owenboro and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He practiced for 2 years as county attorney, a post he resigned in 1868 when he began his practice in St. Louis in general practice in civil courts only. "He is one of the most successful jury lawyers at the Saint Louis bar." He was a member of the constitutional convention (1875) and was chairman of the committee on the revisions to the constitution and also on the committee on judiciary, suffrage and elections. His politics were democratic.

He married November 26, 1868 to Anna Rudd, daughter of Captain James Rudd, of Louisville, KY, who served on the constitutional convention for that state.

Children were Sarah Alexandria, Eleanor, Nannie Retilliau, who resided in Poitiers, France, and Francis

Howard, also an attorney. He and his son Howard, of 4210 Delmar Boulevard, maintained offices in the Title Guaranty Building.

He died in San Luis Obispo, CA on Jan 6, 1920 where he had moved just a year before, for his health. Funeral was on Monday, January 12 from the residence to the St. Louis Cathedral on Lindell and Newstead. He was originally interred at Bellefontaine Cemetery in a "family plot," which would presumably be the plot where his son Howard was buried a few years later, in 1931. However for reasons unknown to this researcher, the graves of Amos and his wife were disinterred and reburied at Calvary Cemetery on December 18, 1947. Calvary's records do not give a reason for the graves being moved, but confirm that they we moved from Bellefontaine.

Burial: Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum Plot: Section 018, Lot 0295

Sources:

Primary: Amos Riley Taylor: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=7654239>; a detailed biography written by Nathan Vaughan Marks in 2010; this credit was left off the original newsletter

Secondary: St. Louis, The Fourth City

St. Louis Post Dispatch, January 8, 1920, page 20.

St. Louis Post Dispatch, January 9, 1920. Page 22.

<http://www.archive.org/stream/benchbarofstloui00amer#page/n341/mode/2up>

Ty Cobb, a Southern Gentleman

“Don’t believe everything you hear,” my father used to tell me. It is especially true about one of the greatest baseball players of all time. There is a new biography by Charles Leerhsen about the life of Georgia son Ty Cobb. I am writing about it because it shows the power of a few scoundrels to shape popular opinion and re-write history to smear Southern culture and Southerners. *Ty Cobb: A Terrible Beauty* seeks to set the record straight about the first player that to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Ty played from 1905 to 1928 mostly for the Detroit Tigers but a few years for the Philadelphia Athletics. His .366 lifetime batting average has never been equaled. But in books and movies he is portrayed as a racist and cheat, who thought nothing of digging his spikes into fellow players to advance or score. Some accuse him of murder.

The misinformation that has been repeated without merit was traceable, in Leerhsen’s opinion, to Al Stump. Following Cobb’s death in 1961, Stump authored a biography and several articles on the legend. Stump claimed rather than respond to children requesting an autographed picture, Cobb never responded and instead steamed the stamps off the return envelopes. Follow that up with Tim Gay writing that Cobb would pistol-whip any black person he met on the street. And everyone is familiar with oft repeated myth of how Cobb would sharpen the spikes on his shoes before every game that was amplified by Shoeless Joe in the movie *Field of Dreams*. The notorious Ken Burns repeated all the misinformation in his documentary on the favorite American pastime.

Did he steal stamps from children? Letters in museums and private collections make abundantly clear that Cobb responded to his young fans, sometimes with handwritten letters that ran to five pages. And he always told them he was honored by their autograph requests. Cobb had an extremely thin skin. Cobb did fight with two black men during his life, but those fights didn’t have racial overtones. And he fought with many more white men.

Ty Cobb was actually descended from a long line of abolitionists. His great-grandfather was a minister who preached against slavery and was run out of town for it. His grandfather refused to fight in the Confederate army because of the slavery issue. And his father was an educator and state senator who spoke up for his black constituents and is known to have once broken up a lynch mob. He never spoke one way or the other about segregation until 1952 when the Texas League was integrating. A writer for *The Sporting News* asked him what he thought. “The Negro should be accepted wholeheartedly, and not grudgingly,” he said. “The Negro has the right to play professional baseball and whose [sic] to say he has not?” By that time he had attended many Negro league games, sometimes throwing out the first ball and often sitting in the dugout with the players. He is quoted as saying that Willie Mays was the only modern-day player he’d pay to see and that Roy Campanella was the ballplayer that reminded him most of himself.

The full story is a Hillsdale College piece in the publication *Imprimis* available at <http://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/who-was-ty-cobb-the-history-we-know-thats-wrong/>. If I can make the May meeting, I’ll have copies for interested compatriots and guests.

Victory

Yale University will keep college named for John C. Calhoun despite protests

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/04/28/yale-university-will-keep-college-named-for-john-c-calhoun-despite-protests.html>

Yale University announced Wednesday it will keep the name of a residential college named after 19th century alumnus and slavery supporter John C. Calhoun, but will eliminate the title of "master" for faculty members.

The Ivy League university said it was preserving the name of Calhoun College, despite fierce protests that called for the removal of Calhoun's name to confront the history of slavery in the U.S.

"Ours is a nation that often refuses to face its own history of slavery and racism. Yale is part of that history," Yale President Peter Salovey said. "We cannot erase American history, but we can confront it, teach it and learn from it."

The title "master" for faculty members who serve as residential college leaders will be renamed to "head of college." Some people at the university argued the title master, despite its ancient roots with the college system at Oxford and Cambridge, had a painful and unwelcome connotation of slavery.

Controversy has surrounded the name of Calhoun College for decades, but it received new attention in the fall as protesters on campuses around the country called for universities to address the legacies of historical figures, such as Woodrow Wilson at Princeton University, in Princeton, New Jersey.

Note: In further defense of Yale's decision, Brown University was funded and built by the Brown brothers who make their fortune in the slave trade. I haven't heard anyone being offended by that yet.

In the Still Undecided Category

Perhaps you saw the column in the St. Louis Post Disgrace regarding the efforts of the scalawag mayor of New Orleans to have 4 historic monuments removed. Seems the city had a special meeting to accept bids from contractors interested in hauling off the statues of P.G.T. Beauregard, Robert E. Lee and President Jefferson Davis. The fourth contentious monument commemorates the 1874 struggle between the politically incorrect Crescent City White League, made up of Confederate veterans and other disenfranchised citizens and the occupation political and military force during Reconstruction. The job is estimated to cost \$170,000. In January, the company originally awarded the contract withdrew because of death threats against the owner, his employees and family. Then in February, the owners \$200,000 Lamborghini was set on fire in Baton Rouge. Whoever is to demolish the statues worth over \$1M in current dollars may have to work at night and avoid identifying itself with the usual posted signage. Sixty-eight percent of voters polled by a local media station want the monuments to stay. All at the instigation of New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who is now term-limited, like our Mayor Francis Slay.

In the Reason to Mourn

Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center is scheduled to speak November 1, 2016 at the St. Louis Speakers Series presented by Maryville University. Now that will be a hate speech.

Notable Quotes

The secession of the Southern states in 1860 was a small matter compared with the secession of the Union itself from the great principles enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, in the Golden Rule, in the Ten Commandments, in the Sermon of the Mount. Unless we hold, and hold firmly to these great fundamental principles of righteousness... our Union...will be "only a covenant with death and an agreement with hell."

Francis J. Grimke
Presbyterian minister, former slave, early civil rights leader

Editor's Rambling

It is written that in the Last Days, the world will be much like it was in the time of Noah. Men will be lovers of themselves and all kinds of perversions. That pretty much describes the culture that is being promoted in our great country. Do not be conformed to our culture; be transformed by the renewal of your mind, discern what is will of God and what is pleasing to Him. Keep committed to the relationship you have with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and await for His imminent return.

**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"*
William Napier, Sterling Price Camp SCV
- 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
- 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
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Confederate Memorial Day

Saturday, June 4, 2016

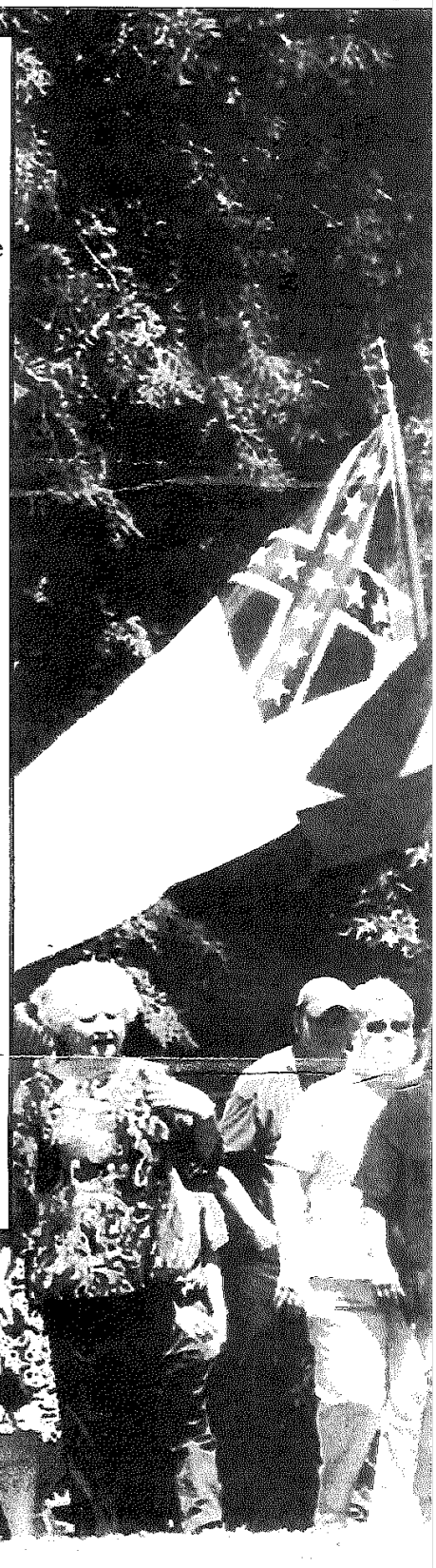
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123th Anniversary of 60 men admitted and the Official Opening of the Confederate Veterans Home with Gen. Jo Shelby in attendance
112th Anniversary of the Deeding of the Cemetery to the UDC
110th Anniversary of the Lion Confederate Monument Unveiled
94th Anniversary of the Last Building Completed (*The Hospital*)

Confederate Memorial Day Program

10:00 AM ___ Need a meeting time? Visit Vendors, friends, look at displays, Period Music.
10:30 AM ___ Children of the Confederacy, MO State Meeting in Chapel
11:00 AM ___ Chapel — Tom Rafiner
11:30 AM ___ Chapel - Quantrill Society Meeting and Program on Q's List and Waverly
12:15 PM ___ Lunch — UDC Ladies will sell sandwiches and baked goods
12:45 PM ___ All those that are part of Opening Ceremonies please move to the Cemetery
1:00 PM ___ Confederate Memorial Day Service - Parade enters
1:05 PM ___ Color Guard presents Colors. There will also be the Pledge, Salute, & Charges
1:10 PM ___ Welcome — Jim Beckner
1:15 PM ___ Invocation
1:18 PM ___ Recognition of Groups
1:21 PM ___ "Why we Gather" by Jim Beckner
1:23 PM ___ 3 Stories of real Confederate Heroes
1:35 PM ___ Responsive Reading — Harold Dellinger
1:40 PM ___ Commander's Comments — Missouri Division Commander
1:45 PM ___ President's Comments — Missouri UDC President
1:50 PM ___ Children of the Confederacy Comments
1:54 PM ___ Recognition of Confederate Ancestors - everyone
2:00 PM ___ "Dixie"
2:02 PM ___ Closing — Jim Beckner
2:04 PM ___ Benediction
2:06 PM ___ Retire Colors

THE CONFEDERATE HOME CHAPTER 203 UDC LADIES WILL BE HAVING LUNCH FOR SALE AND A BAKE SALE ALL DAY.



**DETAILS FOR CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT THE
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL STATE HISTORICAL SITE
June 4, 2016**

1. Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for grounds keeping, chairs, program printing, speaker system, and restroom facilities.
2. DNR and Jim Beckner will be responsible for coordinating all the entities.
3. Anyone interested in participating in the program itself should immediately inform the Program Coordinator. Jim Beckner at 816-322-3736.
4. Jim Beckner has volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies for 2016.
5. The CMFA will be responsible for placing the 800 flags and local publicity.
6. The Friends Association will run all funds through their treasury. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for obtaining the flowers and wreath.
7. Every attempt will be made to keep the program traditional and meaningful. The final decisions on the program will be made by Jim Rehard, Northern MO Historic Dist. Supervisor; Janae Fuller; and the Program Coordinator.
8. Civil War Reenacting Units that wish to set-up tents, and/or do living history and recruits are welcome.
9. To be listed as a sponsor on the program the cost is \$10.00. Please make check to CMFA and mail to: CMFA, PO Box 332, Higginsville, MO, 64037.
10. It is hoped that the Missouri Division of SCV and the UDC will be sponsors as well as individual camps and chapters throughout the state.
11. Individual chapters and camps will be listed separately.
12. Individuals and other related organizations may also be sponsors.
13. The money goes to defray expenses. Any funds left over will go to the CMFA.
14. All deadlines must be met by May 20, 2016.
15. Every person in attendance will be given a flower in memory of their ancestor to be placed on a grave or the Memorial Lion.
16. The color guard will be under the control of the Missouri SCV Color Guard officer.
17. The near-by Fair Grounds will be available for RV parking.
18. Call Arlene at the Friends Association — 660-584-2031 - for Bed-and-Breakfasts and motels in the area.
19. Jim Beckner will provide period musicians to play before and during the program.
20. Those wishing to have informational booths or sell items should check with Janae Fuller 660-584-2853, before the deadline of May 23, 2016.
21. Please do not park in spaces reserved for the Handicapped.
22. **IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS TO MAKE THIS A BETTER PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT JIM BECKNER IMMEDIATELY - 816-322-3736.**

