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## Pledges

### **Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America**

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the  
United States of America and to the  
republic for which it stands, one  
nation under GOD, indivisible, with  
liberty and justice for all.*

### **Salute to the Confederate Flag**

*I salute the confederate flag with  
affection, reverence  
and undying devotion to the cause for  
which it stands.*

### **Salute to the North Carolina Flag**

*I salute the North Carolina Flag and  
pledge to the Old North State Love,  
Loyalty and Faith.*

## The Charge

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself this greatness of soul? Not in the clamor of the crowded street. Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng. But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."*

*—Lt General Stephen Dill Lee*

## Upcoming Events



### **May 10, 2014**

Confederate Memorial Day Camp #2205 service, 2:00pm at the Kittrell Confederate Cemetery in Kittrell, NC.

### **July 16-19, 2014**

Sons of Confederate Veterans 119th National Reunion, North Charleston, SC.

## Color Guard

We had a short practice session a few weeks ago for our initial honor guard. We will fire the ceremonial salute at Kittrell on May 10th. We are still looking for addition members. If anyone is interested, please contact Frank or myself. We are hoping to get to at least 7-10 members in the next year. Any period uniform is acceptable with us. We are not limiting to just infantry. If you would like to honor your ancestor who served in the artillery of cavalry, please feel free to do so. Frank and I have chosen to honor our ancestors with cavalry uniforms. I will be available after the next meeting for questions about the honor guard.

**George Kearney**  
**Adjutant**  
**SCV Camp #2205**

## Camp Building Project

My Fellow Compatriots,  
This is a long term project that will give each and everyone the opportunity to honor their Camp and their ancestors. A donation jar will be at each meeting. Anything that you put in the jar not only honors your ancestor, but it honors **ALL** of our ancestors. As a family, its a way to uphold and support each other and the Heritage that everyone of us holds dear.

There are no words to express my gratitude for your support. We shall do our very best to uphold the Christian values of the Confederate Soldier. What better way to honor them than to build them a "Home" Then we would truly be able to say "Welcome Home Soldier ...No one here will ever hide your flag," May God Bless us in this endeavor.

**Bobby Jackson**  
**Building Committee Chairman**  
**Camp #2205**

## Next Meeting

Camp #2205 will be meeting at Bob's Barbecue in Creedmoor, NC on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 5:30pm.

## From the Brigade Commander

Men of the Brigade,  
I hope this article finds you in good health and spirit. Our Division is fresh off of our elections at the 2014 Division reunion. The Division has a nice turn out in Valdese. We sent Commander Smith off with a bang. He faithfully served our Division for the past 6 years years as Commander. He has since been reappointed as the Oakwood Cemetery Committee Chairman ( a post he has held since 1988.) by the new Commander Danny Bolick. Danny for those of you that may not be familiar, hails

from the Hickory Camp and has been Lt Commander of the Division for the past 6 years. He will be the one leading our Division for the next two years and I can say I am honored to be asked to remain on his staff as Communications Officer. I also had the honor of being elected as your Capitol Brigade Commander for the next two years. I would like to thank Past Commander William O Quinn for his help and advice over the past year or so. In my role as Brigade Commander, I plan to honor the Constitution of our Division and have a Brigade meeting once a year at a time to be determined in the near future. This way you all can sit together with me and we can all discuss things you would like to see done and things you would like for me to help you with. I have also spoken with Byron Brady, from the Wake Forest Camp and he and I will be setting up a Brigade Field Trip to the State Capitol in the coming months to take a tour of our beloved Capitol and Oakwood Cemetery. Perhaps the biggest even that will be coming in the near future is Confederate Memorial Day on May 10. I know there will be several Camps hosting events and I will try and send out an email by May 1 with the information of the events being held in our Brigade. In October we will need help again with the fair booth. This is a big way our Brigade helps the Division out. So, I hope we can continue to be successful in this endeavor. I will be trying to attend each camp's meeting at least once a year to visit you all. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me back and I will do all in my power to help find a resolution to your request or question. Thank you again.

**Craig Phippen**  
**Capitol Brigade Commander**  
**Camp 2205**

## Commander's Comments

Compatriots,  
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th 6:00 PM at Bobs Barbeque in Creedmoor. Many of us try to be there by 5:30 to eat and fellowship, with the program starting at 6:15. George Kearney will be speaking to us about the Partisan Rangers at this meeting. He had an ancestor that was a member of this fighting force.

We will also be reviewing the NC Division Reunion that was held Saturday, April 26th in Valdese. Our Camp was well represented at the reunion. Other business that we will cover, are the events that Camp 2205 have planned for the month of May. This will be a very busy time for our camp, as we have many activities planned.

Now, I would like to take a little time to get on my soapbox to discuss something that I feel very important to our camp; TEAMWORK. I have given much thought to what it will take for our small camp to reach that next level. I have pondered on this, and tried to figure what we need, and I realized that we have a lack of teamwork within our camp. Teamwork is defined as "the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient; working with a group of people to achieve a goal." Men, this is fairly simple. Our goal is the Charge written by Stephen D. Lee. Our camp is lacking this basic fundamental, and in order for our success, we must come together and become more dedicated. I can visualize how great our camp could be if all our members became part of this team with dedication and commitment to the cause. While I realize that there will never be 100% dedication from members in our camp, we will become stronger with each

person joining the team.

While our Southern soldiers were almost always outnumbered, look at how much they accomplished due to their dedication and teamwork. So, I ask you as a leader of Camp 2205, Men will you become more dedicated and committed to the vindication of the cause for which they fought? Will you become more involved in preserving your ancestor's good name? Will you become part of the team to tell the TRUE history? Remember, it is YOUR DUTY to see that the TRUE history of the South is presented to future generations.

***At your service, for the cause,  
Joey Dickerson  
Commander Camp 2205***

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander's Comments**

I would like to start off by commending Compatriot Bobby Jackson. Mr. Jackson has spearheaded our efforts to obtain land, and build ourselves a suitable place to commune and be among our Confederate brethren. Bobby is making great strides so that we all may reap the rewards of having a place that Camp #2205 can call home where our proud Confederate banner will never be furred or tossed in a dark closet. So thank you Mr. Bobby Jackson for your hard work and dedication to the camp and to the cause.

We all know that no such undertaking can manifest itself over night. It may take years of hard work and dedication to obtain such lofty goals. So I would like to encourage everyone to toss whatever spare funds they may have into the jar that we have at the meetings. You may further contribute by bringing your aluminum cans to our monthly meetings. Bobby is collecting every can that he

comes into contact with and putting the reimbursement money from his collection into the building fund. I would also like to invite anyone with any ideas of how to raise funds to please step forward. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Remember, each continued step we take will bring us all ever so closer to our final goal. The more help that we, the members of the camp, provide the sooner we will attain that noble goal.

***Frank Keller  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander  
Camp #2205***

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander's Comments**

Greetings!

I would like to start off by saying thank you to the camp for the numerous things you all have done to preserve our Confederate Heritage. Ain't it great to be the Descendent of a Confederate Soldier!! Well, that's one thing I want to discuss here in this article. Our great and glorious organization is dedicated to protecting the good name of the Confederate Soldier and the ideals that he stood for. I know many of you have heard that the war was about slavery. Well, we know that it is not true at all and we are the only ones left to defend that truth. You may ask how we go about doing this, that answer is simple we must educate people as to the true facts of the War Between the States and our ancestors whom fought. That task however is an arduous one and with the politics of today it will only get worse. Just recently in the news, there was several students that found out that a building on the campus at UNC-Chapel Hill was named after a KKK leader (which it is not confirmed he was or was not a member) well, now they want to remove all the names of anyone that was associated

with the South and Slavery on any building at UNC. Guess they don't know that the Keenan name which is very influential in the University has Confederate Heritage. Also, at Washington and Lee University a group of Law Students want the Lee name removed from the University's name because they claim Robert E Lee was a slave owner and a traitor. Which in fact Robert E Lee emancipated all the slaves working at Arlington House on December 29, 1862, two days before Lincoln's emancipation document. How do we go about to continue to correct the wrong information? We get out, recruit, educate and commemorate our ancestors. We are a small group up against many but we can and will continue to spread the truth about our ancestors no matter what. We will also continue to educate the youth of today in hope that they might educate the youth of tomorrow. Lets give em the Cold Steel Boys and take the fight to them by getting out and being proactive with in our city, county, state and country.

***Craig Pippen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander  
Camp #2205***

#### **From The Editor**

Members of Camp #2205,  
Thank you so much this month for your contributions to our monthly newsletter, **The Targeteer**. These contributions are a tremendous aid in putting this together. This I feel is a great example of the teamwork that Commander Dickerson refers to in this month's Commander's Comments. If many people chip in, it's like adding another brick to the wall. Each comment, each article, and each picture help to build this newsletter, and help to bring authenticity, and add a more diverse feeling.

As always, feel free to email any additions for future newsletters to:  
**mpdeboe@gmail.com.**

For simplification, please include in the subject the month you wish for the piece to be added, and the subject of the newsletter.

***Michael DeBoe  
Newsletter Editor  
SCV Camp #2205***

#### **May in the War**

**1861**

**May 6** Arkansas secedes from the Union.  
**May 13** North Carolina elects delegates to the Secession Convention.

**May 20** Kentucky declares its neutrality in the War Between The States.

**May 20** Delegates to the North Carolina Secession Convention vote to withdraw from the Union.

**May 21** Missouri declares its neutrality in the War.

**May 21** Confederate Congress votes to move its capital from Montgomery to Richmond.

**May 23** Virginia ratifies the Secessionist Convention referendum by a vote of 132,201 to 37,451.

**May 23** Thomas Jackson strikes the B&O Railroad, capturing 56 locomotives.

**1862**

**May 7** Battle of West Point.

**May 8** Battle of McDowell.

**May 9** Confederates withdraw from Norfolk, destroying the base as they leave.

**May 10** Confederates destroy Naval Base at Pensacola.

**May 11** Confederate soldiers scuttle the C.S.S. Virginia near Norfolk.

**May 15** Battle of Drewry's Bluff.

**May 15** Union General Benjamin Butler issues Order Number 28, directing his troops to treat any woman who insults them as they would a woman "plying her advocacy (a prostitute)." It was this order that led to his title, the Beast of New Orleans.

**May 23** Battle of Front Royal.

**May 25** Battle of Winchester.

**May 27** Battle of Hanover Court House.

**May 31** Battle of Seven Pines.

**May 31** Battle of Fair Oaks. Joseph E. Johnston severely wounded.

### 1863

**May 1** Battle of Chancellorsville.

**May 2** General Stonewall Jackson is shot 3 times in a friendly fire incident.

**May 3** Nathan Bedford Forrest ends Abel Streight's Raid on Rome, Georgia, in heavy skirmishing at Cedar Bluffs, Alabama.

**May 3** Second Battle of Fredericksburg.

**May 4** General Hooker's Army of the Potomac is defeated by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia as it crosses the Rappahannock on the way to Richmond.

**May 10** Stonewall Jackson dies at a field hospital near Guinea Station, VA.

**May 30** Robert E. Lee completes the restructuring of the Army of Northern Virginia, creating three corps under James Longstreet, Dick Ewell and A. P. Hill.

### 1864

**May 5** Battle of the Wilderness.

**May 8** Battle of Spotsylvania Court House.

**May 11** Battle of Yellow Tavern, J. E. B. Stuart is mortally wounded.

**May 13** Battle of Resaca.

**May 15** Battle of New Market.

**May 31** Battle of Cold Harbor.

### 1865

**May 10** President Jefferson Davis is captured near Irwinville.

**May 12** The last significant fighting of the Civil War takes place at the Palmito Ranch along the Rio Grande between Col. Theodore Barrett and John S. "RIP" Ford.

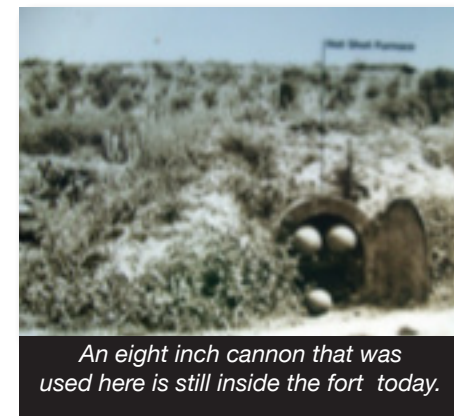
**May 22** Jefferson Davis imprisoned at Fort Monroe.

### Drewry's Bluff



As capital of the Confederate States of America, Richmond, Virginia, became the constant target of Northern armies. It was vulnerable by water as well as by land. Gunboats could navigate the James River all the way to Richmond. Drewry's Bluff, named for local landowner Captain Augustus H. Drewry, rose 90 feet above the water and commanded a sharp bend in the James River, making it a logical site for defensive fortifications. By May 1862, workers hand constructed earthworks, dug artillery emplacements, and mounted three large seacoast guns inside the fort. The soldiers of the fort built a little white chapel church inside the garrison that held services for about 150 soldiers at a time. Different ministers came from Richmond each week to preach. A small burial ground was located just fifty yards behind the chapel. It was a reminder that life at Drewry's Bluff was not without hazard from battle or disease. All the remains have been removed and most interred in Richmond. On May, 10-11, 1862, Confederates abandoned Norfolk and destroyed their only ironclad, the CSS Virginia. The James River was now open to the U.S. Navy. Five well-armed Union ships, including the ironclads Galena and Monitor, ascended the James River under Commander John Rodgers.

Their mission was to shell Richmond into submission. The city's fate rested with 300 or 400 Southern troops manning the large cannon at this small earthen fort, just seven miles south of the capital. The stage was set for the first epic battles for control of Richmond. When federal gunboats rounded the distant bend in the James, they entered a shooting gallery. Confederate soldiers and marines along the riverbanks raked the decks with musket fire, and Confederate cannons poured shot from up above in the fort. Never again after the first attempt on May 15, 1862 did the US Navy challenge the guns of Drewry's Bluff. The Confederates used a centuries old device here: the hot shot furnace. Inside the furnace, solid shot were heated red hot. It required one hour and fifteen minutes to heat them to a red heat. The furnace here held sixty or more shot. Clay wads of wet hay were then inserted between the powder and the ball to keep the heat from igniting the powder prematurely. When fired at a wooden ship, the sizzling missile could set the vessel ablaze. When orders came to evacuate Richmond, the Confederate garrison abandoned the fort and joined Lee's army during its retreat to Appomattox. For many of them, their active service ended



with capture at the Battle of Sailors Creek, April 6, 1865. Drewys Bluff did not remain vacant long. Union troops immediately took possession. The fort remains well preserved today with the earthen fortifications still surviving; remains of its walls, bomb proofs, and artillery emplacements still stand. An eight inch Columbiad cannon, cast at the Arsenal in Richmond that was used here, is still on exhibit inside the fort.

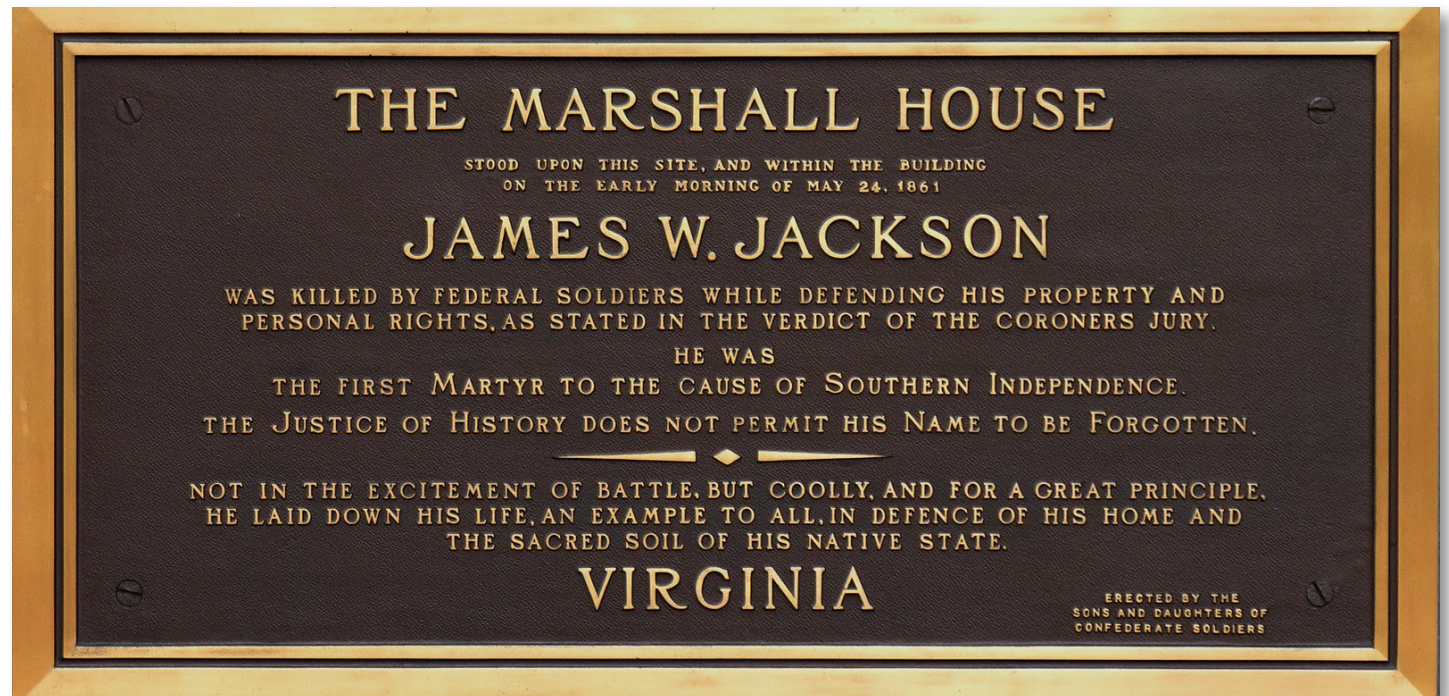
### James W. Jackson

Jackson was well known for his beliefs and his fractious nature. He was respected by some as a pugilist – a boxer, six feet tall, muscular, lean and ready for a fight. An acquaintance described him thus: “Grim, stern, obstinate determination was stamped emphatically on every feature.”

One day in May 1861, Jackson’s disposition made him one of the earliest civilian casualties, defending his property from an invader, and, more important, the flag of the Confederacy.

Jackson ran the Marshall House at the intersection of King and Pitt streets in Alexandria, where the Hotel Monaco stands today. The 38-year-old had not enlisted in the Confederate army, instead continuing to run his inn and tavern business in the town, where feelings ran high. Indicative of his political leanings, Jackson mounted a large Confederate flag on top of the building around May 23, 1861, as Virginia formally seceded.

This was not the well-known battle flag; two months earlier the Confederate States Provisional Congress had adopted the First National Flag of the Confederacy, the “Stars and Bars.”



Jackson, it seems, wanted to proclaim his devotion to the cause. In what today is Old Town Alexandria, he could not have found a more prominent spot for his display.

Though some commented it might not be a wise act, the innkeeper prophetically said the flag would come down only “over my dead body.”

Union troops stationed at the U.S. Capitol across the Potomac River in Washington included some New York Fire Zouave units, drawn primarily from firefighters in New York, organized into a U. S. Army regiment. They became part of a 13,000-man force that crossed the river to capture Alexandria in the dawn of May 24. One of the first sights to greet them was Jackson’s prominent flag flying atop Marshall House.

Leading the troops was Col. Elmer Ephraim

Ellsworth, who was born in New York but had moved to Chicago in the 1850s. He had read of the spit-and-polish flashiness of the French Zouave units in the Crimean War and had noted their bright-red, flowing uniform pants and various other accouterments. Several Union regiments, including some in Louisiana, promptly adopted the style.

Perhaps because Ellsworth was small of stature, the ornate uniform appealed to him. He also admired the Zouave penchant for drill precision, and trained his New York Fire Zouaves unit accordingly.

Coming into Alexandria, Ellsworth decided to haul down Jackson’s flag as a trophy of war, and he rushed into the Inn. With members of his regiment, he quickly climbed the stairs to the roof, where he quickly tore down the flag. Rushing down the stairs and shouting, “Behold my trophy!”

he was met by a livid Jackson who, leveling his shotgun, replied, “And behold mine!”

One of Ellsworth’s men, Cpl. Francis Brownell, tried to deflect Jackson’s shotgun with his own rifle, but Jackson’s point-blank blast met its mark, and Ellsworth fell, dying immediately as the first Union officer killed in the war.

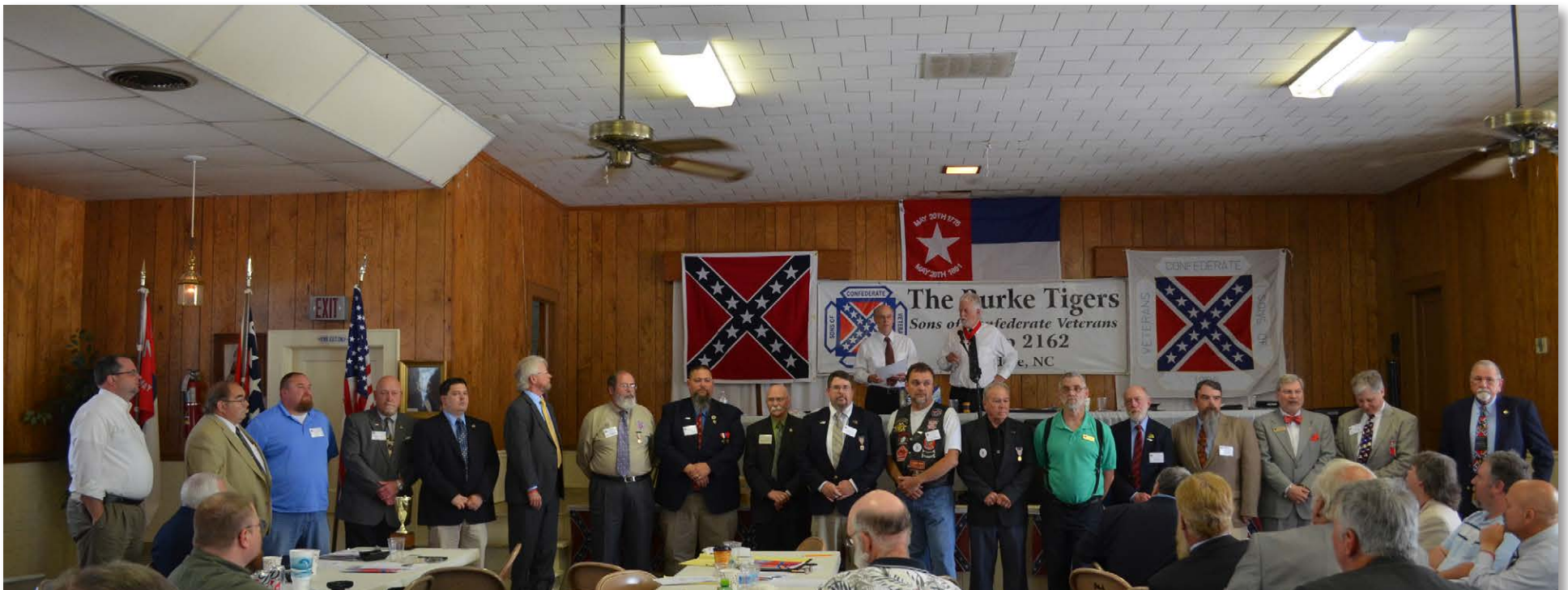
Brownell instantly avenged his leader’s death, firing at Jackson and fatally hitting the innkeeper in the head, then bayoneting him as well for good measure.

Jackson was hailed instantly as one of the South’s first martyrs and his body was buried privately in Alexandria for safekeeping, and then later moved to a family plot in the Fairfax Confederate Cemetery.

A single ornate stone lists family members buried there, including James W. Jackson.



## Division Reunion



## Newly Elected



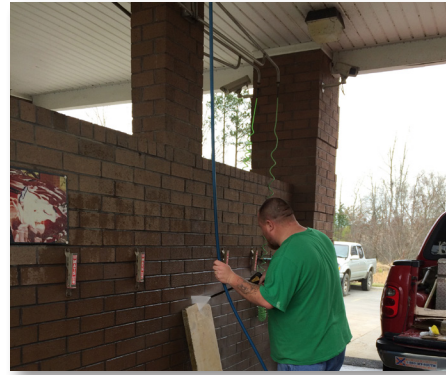
Camp 2205 members Joey Dickerson and Richard Smith gave a program on Masons in the war to the Oxford Masonic Lodge #112 on March 17



Camp 2205 Commander Joey Dickerson gave a joint presentation with Ms. Sally Hobson on April 3 to the Granville County Genealogical Soci

## Last Meeting and Bullock Cemetery Cleanup





## Bullock Cemetery Cleanup

