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Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought, to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldiers 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.”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana 1906

Dues Reminder

Many thanks to everyone that has renewed their membership for the upcoming year, as a reminder our dues have been increased to \$40 for regular members. Life members and Friends of the Camp are \$10. November 1st is the drop dead date. After that you will be charged a reinstatement fee of \$5. We have 31 members in the Camp and are looking forward to recruiting new members. If you have family members and friends that are eligible to join let's invite them to a meeting and get the process started.

We Salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands



Camp Crab Feast

Our Crab Feast was held on August 9th and was a huge success. Thanks to B. B. and Lisa for hosting the event. We had 21 members and friends attend and a good time was had by all. The plan is to hold another event next year and it will no doubt be an event that should not be missed.

SCV Relief Fund

The following is a message from the ACV Relief Fund: Gentlemen,
As I compose this plea I am ever mindful of how our ancestors took care of each other and their families. I am also reminded that just a few years ago several of our compatriots suffered in the ravages of hurricanes. One of our most treasured places suffered extensive damages under the onslaught of Hurricane Katrina on the morning of August 29, 2005. Just a few short weeks ago Beauvoir reopened as beautiful and wonderful as before.

Now the Gulf Coast from Panama City, Florida to Galveston, Texas lies in the path of another "Labor Day Weekend" hurricane; Gustav appears to be headed for landfall somewhere in that area. Considering we have many compatriots in that area I ask each of you to think of your compatriots. Prepare now and offer to

assist compatriots, as you are able. Let us be ready for this one.

Remind all SCV Members that we do have a Relief Fund available for temporary relief. The funds are very limited and only provide small stipends to assist until other relief agencies are mobilized. The stipends are not intended to replace compatriots insurance or to replace other aid once recovery efforts are initiated.

I urge each of you to encourage contributions to the Relief Fund. No contribution is so small that it will not be appreciated. Send any contributions to: Sons of Confederate Veterans
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402
SCV Relief Fund
Credit Card contributions may be made via phone to 1 800 380-1896
Lastly I ask that you PRAY that none of our compatriots are affected to the extent that any assistance is required.
Douglas D. Dawson
Relief Committee Chairman

Confederate Widow Dies at 93

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Maudie White Hopkins, who grew up during the Depression in the hardscrabble Ozarks and married a Confederate army veteran 67 years her senior, has died. She was 93.

Hopkins, the mother of three children from a second marriage who loved to make fried peach pies and applesauce cakes, died Sunday at a hospital in Helena-West Helena, said Rodger Hooker of the Roller-Citizens Funeral Home.

Other Confederate widows are still living, but they don't want any publicity, Martha Boltz of the United Daughters of the Confederacy said Tuesday. Hopkins grew up in a family of 10 children, did laundry and cleaned house for William M. Cantrell, an elderly Confederate veteran in Baxter County whose wife had died years earlier. Married at age 19 when he offered to leave his land and home to her if she would marry him and care for him in his later years, she said yes. She was 19; he was 86.

"After Mr. Cantrell died I took a little old mule he had and plowed me a vegetable garden and had plenty of vegetables to eat. It was hard times; you had to work to eat," she said in an Associated Press interview in 2004.

Hopkins later married Winfred White and started a family. In all, she was married four times. For decades, she didn't speak about her marriage to Cantrell, concerned that people would think less of

her. Four years ago, she came around after a Confederate widow in Alabama died amid claims that she was the last widow from that war.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Hopkins told the AP in 2004. "I've worked hard my whole life and did what I had to, what I could, to survive. I didn't want to talk about it for a while because I didn't want people to gossip about it. I didn't want people to make it out to be worse than it was."

'Good, clean, respectable man'

Military records show Cantrell served in Company A, French's Battalion, of the Virginia Infantry. He enlisted in the Confederate army at age 16 in Pikeville, Ky., and was captured the same year and sent to a prison camp in Ohio. He was exchanged for a Northern prisoner, and after the war moved to Arkansas to live with relatives.

In the interview, Hopkins referred to her first husband as "Mr. Cantrell" and described him as "a good, clean, respectable man." She recalled one description he gave of life as a Civil War soldier, how lice infested his sock supports and "ate a trail around his legs."

Baxter County records show they were married in January 1934 by a justice of the peace. She said Cantrell supported her with his

Confederate pension of "\$25 every two or three months" and left her his home when he died in 1937.

The pension benefits ended at Cantrell's death, according to records filed with the state Pension Board.

She is survived by two daughters and a son.

Upcoming Events

9/06/2008 Confederate Memorial Park: September 6, 2008 is the planned date for the dedication of the new Confederate Memorial Park in St. Mary's County, MD. The site is directly adjacent to the Point Lookout Monument where so many Confederate soldiers that died in the nearby prison camp due to the horrible conditions and treatment of them by the Union army are buried and will be an everlasting tribute to those brave men that gave their lives for what they believed was right.

9/13/2008 Sharpsburg Heritage Celebration: The Sharpsburg Historical Society. This is a ceremony to celebrate the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Sharpsburg. We were recruited by the historical society so let's show them the Confederates. Formation is at 11:00 at the NPS Visitor parking lot to car pool.

9/20/08 Howard County Monument Ceremony:

Annual Ceremony to honor Howard County's Confederate soldiers and sponsored by the Major General Isaac Ridgeway Trimble Camp #1836. Formation is at 10:30 for the 11:00 ceremony.

11/16/08 Massing of the Colors Annapolis:

82nd Annual ceremony at the Naval Academy sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars. Formation is at 1:30 P.M. in front of the Naval Academy Chapel. We are at war so let's show them our patriotic support!

11/22/08 Remembrance

Day Parade: Annual parade in Gettysburg sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans. The Color Guard will meet at 12:00 for formation on Lefever Street (by the school off Baltimore Street).

12/6/08 Christmas Parade:

Parade in Northeast Maryland. Color Guard formation is at 12:00 PM. A great parade that is a nice ending to our very busy year.

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