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 CAMP 676, CAMP 175, CAMP 2104, CAMP 2126, CAMP 1492

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The War Between the States comes to Parker, Colorado!  
 Parker is recognizing the role the War played in the development of Colorado by hosting a Living History Day. And of course, the SCV was a part of the events. Compatriots Gary Mitchell, Bob Milner, and Randy Roades were all present to balance the narrative, and share our Confederate heritage with young and old alike.

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### Greetings Colorado Compatriots:

The Division held a productive fall convention on October 9th in Morrison. Every Camp was represented by leaders as well as general members and a large number of projects, business items, and future plans were discussed. I encourage all SCV members to make effort to attend our spring and fall conventions annually.

These meetings are cornerstones for the direction and efforts the Colorado SCV puts out each year. Meetings are held in the April and October timeframes and are a great way to meet and visit with SCV members from throughout the state. We encourage everyone to stand up and take an active role for your heritage and the proud memory of our Confederate Ancestors.

Some of the projects that are ongoing include the Confederate Veteran Grave registration effort throughout the state, the publication of a Colorado Confederate history booklet, and investigating the possibility of erecting two more Confederate memorials within the state borders.

The Sesquicentennial of the War begins in earnest this December and the Colorado Division will be working on several efforts during the next 5 years as part of the greater national SCV efforts.

The Camps have completed a successful round of annual dues collection. Currently the Division is sitting at 68 Compatriots with new membership applications at an all time high. We will top 75 members within the first months of 2011 at the current rate of new memberships. The Camps are currently working on Camp constitution and by-law documents and planning is well underway for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Lee-Jackson Dinner in January.

The Colorado Division is on track for a very productive 2011 and start of the Sesquicentennial celebration. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months and ask for everyone to make a commitment to being an active member of your Camp, Division, and the SCV as a whole.

Confederately yours,

Patrick Gerity  
Colorado Division Commander



### Minutes of Division Semi-Annual Convention

The Semi-Annual Convention of the members of the Colorado Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans was called to order at 11 o'clock am on October 9th. All camps were represented with 11 members in attendance. We opened with a welcome comment from Division Commander Gerity.

The first order of business was the Division Treasury report. We currently have \$515 in the bank. Following the Division report was a report on individual Camp dues collection. It looks as if almost all current Division Members are paid for the coming year.

Next, we heard the worthy individual camp reports starting with Camp 175 of Colorado Springs, which was given by Commander Scott Myers.

Camp 175 reports a total of 12 paid-up members. Camp 175 is also working on several projects for the coming year. Scott has worked tirelessly to continue to build camp 175.

The next report was from the Denver Metro area's Camp 676, given by Adjutant Robert Milner. Camp 676 reports 17 paid-up members with the addition of two new members during this past year. Projects on the board include the 10th anniversary Lee/Jackson banquet, the twice-a-year Adopt A Highway trash pickup, continued presence at the Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association (CSMLA) Winter Convention, the Scottish Festival at Heritage Park in Highlands Ranch, the Buffalo Bill Days in Golden, and the second annual gun show at Sportsman's Warehouse in Thornton.

Camp 2104 from Greeley presented its report by showing all members to be paid up, including one transfer. Great success was had with the Potato Days celebration at Centennial Village. With a little additional effort the event will be even bigger in 2011. Last, but not least, Camp 2126 of Grand Junction Commander Gary Parrott reported 25 total paid-up members including one Life Member. Also Cmdr. Parrott gave a brief report on the national reunion which he attended.

The agenda moved to a discussion and vote on election frequency for division officers. It was voted on and agreed that each division officer - starting in 2011 - will be a two-year term instead of the traditional one year. A motion was brought forth, seconded, and voted "for" unanimously by attending members.

**Minutes (continued)**

The "business" section of the meeting included a report from Cmdr. Myers on the status of the 150th anniversary Society membership for the division. It was reported that the Colorado Division is officially a member of the Sesquicentennial Society.

Division Cmdr. Gerity next relayed a proclamation from from the Commander-in-Chief of the SCV concerning communications and having a contact for the camps/division. In future there will be a camp e-mail box set up for each individual camp and will be run by a spokesman for that camp. It is a hope that better communication will be achieved by having these e-mail boxes available to everyone.

Cmdr. Myers updated the status of the former Canyon city members. Scott has tried numerous times to get some of the old 2020 camp members into 175 and has had no response to date. But he will continue to try.

Adjutant Milner reported that all phases of the Lee/Jackson banquet for 2011 are progressing. This year's banquet will be held at the Village Inn in Castle rock, which holds about 60 people and will supply a buffet style dinner with several southern food choices.

This year's banquet will be on January 22, 2011 from 1 to 4 PM. This year's banquet will be the 10th anniversary and some special events are being added plus the availability of a commemorative medallion to mark the 10th anniversary will be offered to members. A special guest speaker is being brought in to give a special presentation on Gen. Jackson.

The agenda moved to the future of Confederate Memorial Day (which in 2011 will be April 30, 2011). Due to the demands of Fairmount Cemetery group, we will be looking for new locations for CMD in 2011. It was felt that the event insurance costs were too high. Right now, we are looking at two locations: one of which is in the town of Berthoud at the city cemetery where there are several Confederates buried. The town sounds very excited to have our event there.

There was discussion on returning to Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo which we have done before at the Civil War monument where we donated two new flags a couple of years back. Further info on this will be coming soon.

Next on the agenda was the assembly of the Colorado History Booklet project. Compatriot Roy Poole discussed assembling the booklet in stages doing it as professional as possible and gathering even more stories of Confederate influences and involvement from Colorado. This is an extremely valuable project not only to show headquarters that we are doing good work out here but also to get the information such as this into the hands of the general public and in our public schools.

Our meeting agenda turned to awards earned by members. Compatriot Roy Poole received the War Service Medal for his Air Force service during Operation Desert Storm. Compatriots Terry Wabnitz, Gary Mitchell, Gary Parrott and Bob Milner received awards for outstanding work in support of the SCV during the past year.

Finally, we concluded with the Diivision elections. Division Commander nominee Pat Gerity was reelected as Division Commander for the next two years. Lieut. Cmdr. position was filled by Scott Meyers; and last but certainly not least, the Division Adjutant position was filled by Terry Wabnitz. Meeting closed at about 3 PM.

The next Division Convention will be in April. The exact date will be announced later.



*Roy Poole receives the War Service Medal from Commander Gerity*



*Gary Mitchell receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Commander Gerity*



*Bob Milner receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Commander Gerity*



*Scott Myers receives the Distinguished Service Medal AND the Graves Award from Commander Gerity*



*Terry Wabnitz receives both recognition in the Dixie Club, and the Distinguished Service Medal from Commander Gerity*

*Not Picture:  
Division Commander Pat Gerity received the award for Distinguished Service; and Camp 2126 Commander Gary Parrott.*



October 19, 2010

Colorado Division SCV  
Attn: Scott D. Myers  
375 Wedgewood Ct  
Colorado Springs CO 80906

Dear Compatriots,

On behalf of Commander in Chief R. Michael Givens and the entire membership of the SCV, I want to thank you for generously joining the Sesquicentennial Society to provide donations to both the New Building Fund and also the Bicentennial Fund for our membership to use in 2060. The new Sesquicentennial medal and certificate are included with this mailing.

The sustained membership and strong support of the descendants of Confederate soldiers are paramount to our efforts if the SCV is to be successful at protecting monuments, maintaining cemeteries, being able to retain the names of Confederate heroes on city streets and schools, and most importantly of all, to protect the good name and reputation of our brave ancestors. Thank you for responding to this call for donations which will be most helpful to the SCV in its work toward the long term goal to ensure the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

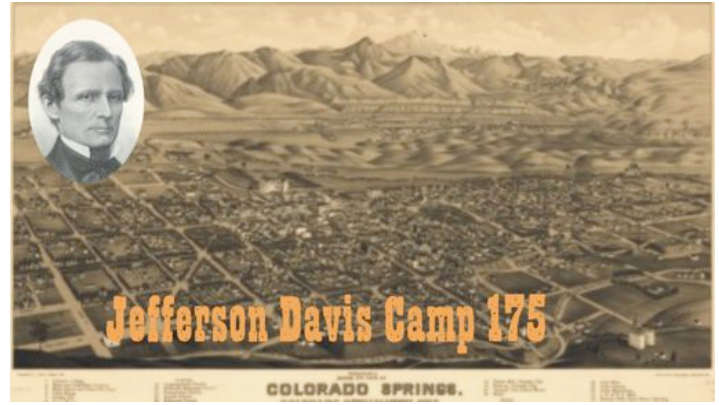
Thank you again for your steadfast commitment to the SCV.

Sincerely,

  
Ben C. Sewell III  
Executive Director

The SCV is a 501 c 3 tax-exempt organization; therefore, your donation may be tax deductible in accordance with the current rules of the IRS. You have received no goods or services for this contribution. Please use \$100.00 as the fair market value when determining your allowed tax deduction.

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**September meeting held at Firehouse Restaurant, Old Colorado City at 6:00 pm.**

**Old Business**

1. Dues status: Adjutant Doug Atkinson: Not present
2. Pagosa Springs interment trip update: Compatriot Phillip Self: We will probably cancel this until Robert Dobbins gets back into town. The focus now is on the two VA markers we are applying for (see below).
3. Compatriots Robert Dobbins and Daniel Rhyne Induction: No action taken.

**New Business**

1. VA Headstones:
  - James Ellison England, B/X Ranch Cemetery (aka Hooker Hills Cemetery), Pueblo
  - Benjamin Franklin Patterson, Thomas Ranch Cemetery, Pueblo

The application for England is complete. Phillip Self will get required signatures (NOK, Cemetery Owner) over the next week and then we will submit to VA. Patterson application is in process. We are trying to contact the cemetery owner to get his approval.

2. Membership Drive: Not discussed as only two members were present.
3. Colorado Civil War History Booklet: Educational, marketing, public relations, fund-raising tool.
4. Sesquicentennial Memorial Project: Confirmed participation so far: SCV, SUV, RMCWRT, MOSB. Still waiting to hear from UDC.
5. Sesquicentennial Society Membership: The Division will join as a Division. I will handle all the paperwork once we get the money from the other camps.
6. Colorado SCV Division Meeting has been changed to Saturday, October 9, 2011 at 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Location: Dinosaur Ridge Museum at C- 470 and Alameda.

**Camp 175 Compatriots:** I am very concerned that we have such poor attendance at our meetings. It is the same few people every month. Now that Bobby Smith is gone, it looks like there will only be two of us attending. I think that an hour a month to dedicate to honoring our ancestors and heritage is not really a whole lot to ask.

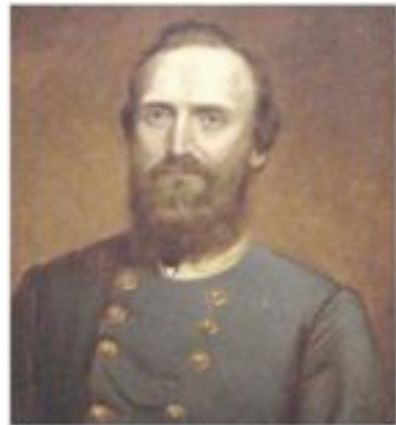
If you are unhappy with the meetings, please let me know and provide any suggestions for improvement.

Our next meeting will be at the same location on November 9th. Give me a call for directions.

# HEY YA'LL! IT'S TIME TO PARTY! THE 10TH ANNUAL LEE/JACKSON BANQUET



**JANUARY, 22, 2011  
@VILLAGE INN  
CASTLE ROCK, CO.  
1 TO 4PM  
207 W. WOLFENBERGER  
RD. 80104**



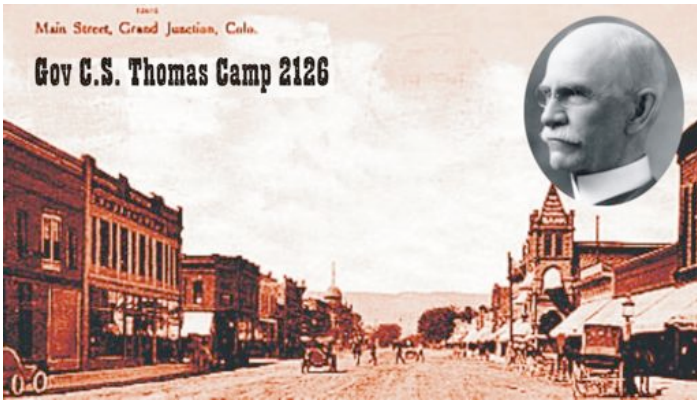
**Mark your calendars now!**

**This is sure to be the Colorado Division's best-ever celebration!**

**It will also mark the kick-off for the next four years of the Sesquicentennial  
Celebration Of the War of Northern Aggression**

**Check our Division website: <http://www.coloradoscv.org/>  
for updated information and reservation requests.**

**We will be able to decorate the banquet room to reflect our respect for our  
heritage and our love of country, just like we have in the past.**



### Grand Junction Living the Charge

The members of the Governor C. S. Thomas Camp have been busy this fall. Camp members – Garry Brewer, Rhy Paris and Gary Parrott represented the SCV-Colorado Division with a recruitment/display table at this year's Two Rivers Chautauqua held at Cross Orchards Historic Site in Grand Junction (September 16-18, 2010).

This year's event was "American Civil War" themed with several professional first person re-enactors representing famous historical figures (President Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, etc.).

Also featured as speakers were Compatriot Brewer and Parrott, who spoke on prominent ex-Civil War Veteran pioneers of Mesa County. A good time was had by all.



## Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

*"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."*

**LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE**  
 COMMANDER GENERAL  
 UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
 25 APRIL 1966



THE 2011 STEPHEN DILL LEE INSTITUTE

### Lincoln vs. Jefferson: Opposing Visions of America

The Sons of Confederate Veterans request you save the dates of February 4-5, 2011, so that you may attend the Stephen Dill Lee Institute. We are returning to the Hotel Francis Marion in Charleston, South Carolina.

As of this date, the following speakers will lecture---

- Thomas DiLorenzo - "Poles Apart: Lincoln and Jefferson's Economic Views"
- Donald Livingston - "Is Nullification Constitutional? The Jeffersonian Position"
- Kent Masterson Brown - "Kentucky's Jeffersonians"
- Marshall DeRosa - "Lincoln's Unconstitutional Constitutional Legacy"
- Donnie Kennedy - "Republican: Lincoln or Jefferson"?

On Friday February 4, there will be a special Meet the Speakers night hosted by the South Carolina Division of the SCV. Special guest speaker will be Dr. David Aiken of the College of Charleston and the Citadel.

Conference fees remain the same at \$150 for non-SCV participants and \$125 for SCV members and families. The hotel has offered a significant discount at \$129 per night and is located in the heart of historic Charleston.

The Institute has significant Scholarship funding for students and teachers. Contact Brag Bowling at 804-389-3620 for further information.

Also please visit the Institute website at [www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com](http://www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com) to register and obtain hotel information.



**Shop and Donate at the Same Time**

Okay Gentlemen! We're rapidly approaching that time of the year (think "December 25th") when we all have to come up with something she'll love, and that'll ensure we get a pass to get out of the house with fellow compatriots.

I only wish I had the perfect solution about WHAT to get (but I haven't figured that one out in 43 years!). But, I do have a great idea on WHERE to get it.

SCV Headquarters has partnered with We-Care to provide members with discount coupons on about every item you can imagine.

The really great benefit of this, is that when you buy through the We-Care site online, the companies you buy from donate a portion back to the SCV!

Some companies hit 20% return, although most are in the 3.5% to 10% range. Think about it! For buying what you were going to get anyway, a small amount of money is given to the SCV!

And, we're not talking fly-by-night companies here!

Nope! Need a plane ticket from South Carolina to Denver? Why don't you look into Southwest Airlines? Need to buy a new version of McAfee virus protection for your computer? Through We-Care.com, McAfee will return up to 9% to the SCV.

What can we say? Link over to <http://scv.we-care.com/> and check out the program, the merchants, and the coupons.



## **Sons of Confederate Veterans** *Insurance Options for our Members*

During these times of economic uncertainty, it's a huge challenge for the responsible Southern gentlemen to look after his loved ones. Too often, health care is among the casualties of reduced income.

Now, thanks to a member of the SCV, there's a way to cover many of life's unexpected events at a very modest cost. AND your choice will return a donation to the SCV.

It's called, "SCV Benefits" and they are benefits made available to members which might not be offered to others.

For example, one of the products is called "Consult a Doctor™" and it offers 24/7 access to its proprietary nationwide cross-coverage network of U.S. licensed physicians for telephone and secure e-mail medical consultations. Physicians provide specific answers to medical questions and advice regarding non-emergency, routine medical conditions. Physicians discuss symptoms, recommend treatment options, diagnose many common conditions and prescribe medication when appropriate.

You can connect via telephone or e-mail, free of charge, with our network of physicians for informational or diagnostic consultation.

Other services include roadside assistance, Lifelock online privacy protection, pharmacy discounts and more.

If interested, turn your web browser toward <http://www.scvbenefits.com/> and check it out.



*More pics from Parker's Civil War Days: The encampment area, and Compatriot Bob Milner letting a young man "enjoy" camp life.*



**Jefferson Davis  
Patriot  
Hero  
Statesman**

On December 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis died at the home of a friend. Do our young people who who Davis was?

Jefferson Davis graduated from West Point Military Academy, served valiantly in the War with Mexico, was Secretary of War under President Franklin Pierce, elected US Senator from Mississippi and was the first and only President of the Confederate States of America. Davis also wrote the book, "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" at his last home in Mississippi.

Jefferson Davis, and wife Varina, found great contentment and peace at "Beauvoir" their beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast Home. This is where he wished to die when his time came but it was not to be.

In November 1889, Varina attended to their home as Davis left for Brierfield Plantation to take care of family business. As he traveled through New Orleans Davis was exposed to a cold-rain that caused him a severe cold and bronchitis that was further complicated by Malaria.

Milo Copper, a former servant of the Davis family, upon hearing of Davis' illness, made the long trip from Florida to New Orleans to be near Davis' side. As Cooper entered Davis' sick room, he burst into tears and fell on his knees and prayed that God would spare the life of Jefferson Davis and bless the family.

Jefferson Davis died between 12:30AM and 1:00AM on December 6, 1889. The news of his death hit the front page of many Southern newspapers. The praises and tributes read similar to that of a New Orleans paper that read,

"Throughout the South are Lamentations and tears; in every country on the globe where there are lovers of liberty there is mourning; wherever there are men who love heroic patriotism, dauntless resolution, fortitude or intellectual power, there is an sincere sorrowing. The beloved of our land, the unfaltering upholder of constitutional liberty, the typical hero and sage, is no more; the fearless heart that beats with sympathy for all mankind is stilled forever, a great light is gone----Jefferson Davis is dead!"

The body of Jefferson Davis laid in state at the city hall of New Orleans, Louisiana from midnight, December 6, 1889, to December 11th. The United States and Confederate flags hung from above and in the city hall that was covered with many flowers.

The church bells toiled as over 80,000 people lined the streets of New Orleans to pay their respects to a Southern legend. All schools and businesses were closed that day.

Those men who comprised the honor Guard for the procession to Metairie Cemetery included: the Army of Northern Virginia Association, the Army of Tennessee and the Washington Artillery.

Metairie Cemetery would be a temporary burial place for Davis as he was moved in 1893, by funeral train to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

The sad part of this story is that the United States War Department did not recognize Davis and the US flag was not flown at half-mast. The US flag was flown at half mast in the South. Jefferson Davis was the only former Secretary of War that was not given the respect and honor by the United States Government.

Jefferson Davis was born June 3, 1808, in that portion of Christian county, Kentucky, which was afterwards set off as Todd county. His grandfather was a colonist from Wales, living in Virginia and Maryland, and rendering important public service to those southern colonies.

His father, Samuel Emory Davis, and his uncles, were all Revolutionary soldiers in 1776. Samuel Davis served during the Revolution partly with Georgia cavalry and was also in the siege of Savannah as an officer in the infantry. He is described as a young officer of gentle and engaging address, as well as remarkable daring in battle. Three brothers of Jefferson Davis, all older than himself, fought in the war of 1812, two of them serving directly with Andrew Jackson, and gaining from that great soldier special mention of their gallantry in the battle of New Orleans.

Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America and commander-in-chief of the army and navy, belongs to history, and his career is subject to full and fair treatment by just and intelligent men. Jefferson Davis and the people of the Confederacy being inseparable in the reflections of mankind, the South asks only that he and they shall be judged by honorable men who have the capacities of reason and gentility to render a just judgment.

**Quotes of Jefferson Davis**

"The withdrawal of a State from a league has no revolutionary or insurrectionary characteristic. The government of the State remains unchanged as to all internal affairs. It is only its external or confederate relations that are altered. To term this action of a Sovereign a 'rebellion' is a gross abuse of language."

"Obstacles may retard, but they cannot long prevent the progress of a movement sanctified by its justice, and sustained by a virtuous people ."

"Secession belongs to a different class of remedies. It is to be justified upon the basis that the States are Sovereign. There was a time when none denied it. I hope the time may come again, when a better comprehension of the theory of our Government, and the inalienable rights of the people of the States, will prevent any one from denying that each State is a Sovereign, and thus may reclaim the grants which it has made to any agent whomsoever."

"The contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena." Jefferson Davis, address to the Mississippi legislature - 16 years after the wars end.



Gentlemen, I wanted to touch base on a topic we are all aware of, and something we received a good reminder dose of this week.

Throughout our work in support of Confederate heritage we have experienced the detractors, extremists, the unreconciling yankee, and general resistance to anything Confederate. This certainly is not Colorado specific, but a national trait found even in the South. Many of us recall our struggle to get a flagpole placed in Canon City and the marker and flagpole at Riverside. Both of these projects were held up due to bias and prejudice.

As we move into the Sesquicentennial, much attention will be focused on the War, some in remembrance and celebration, but some in hashing out the same old tired misconceptions and hatred. In Colorado, Scott Myers was heading up a non-partisan project to memorialize soldiers from both sides at the state capitol. We were basically told by the powers that be, only a marker honoring the Union efforts at Glorietta Pass would be considered and absolutely nothing Confederate would be accepted. Adding insult to that one of the members decided to send negative comments to Compatriot Myers as well.

This shows there still is a strong anti-Confederate thought process within our state. The popular view is that while Colorado might have only been a territory during the War years, it was pro-union and absolutely nothing in support of the Confederacy ever took place within the state borders. We know this to be untrue and it is our duty and charge to educate and get the accurate word out.

I charge it to be our primary goal during the Sesquicentennial years to educate, promote, and change that attitude. This does not mean standing on the steps of the capitol waving battle flags. What it mean is stepping up the challenge and looking for every possible educational opportunity to provide the historical facts that have been covered up for over 100 years.

I do not see the refusal to recognize our brave ancestors as a loss. I see it as motivation to focus our efforts on education and living history teachings. Let us move forward with plans to erect at least two additional flagpole/markers at local cemeteries to honor our veterans. We do more good in grass roots efforts with cooperative and friendly supporters, than we will spending time and effort trying to break through the resistance and bigotry of those organizations and people who want to think Confederate soldiers were traitors and terrorists. *Patrick Gerity, Division Commander*

## Marching Orders

- November 9<sup>th</sup>                      Camp 175 Meeting  
6:00-8:00 PM Firehouse Rest., Old Colo City
- November 9<sup>th</sup>                      Camp 676 Meeting  
7:00 – 9:00 Breckenridge Brewery,  
Kalamath Blvd. Denver
- November 13<sup>th</sup>                    Camp 2104 Meeting  
Centennial Park Library  
2227 23rd Ave., Greeley
- November 16                      Sherman's March to Sea  
inflicts war crimes on South
- November 29                      Massacre at Sand Creek under  
Colorado's Chivington
- December 6<sup>th</sup>                    President Jefferson Davis' Death  
(1889)
- December 13<sup>th</sup>                    Battle of Fredericksburg
- December 14<sup>th</sup>                    Camp 175 Meeting  
6:00-8:00 PM Firehouse Rest., Old Colo City
- December 24<sup>th</sup>                    150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of South  
Carolina Secession
- January 11<sup>th</sup>                      Camp 175 Meeting  
6:00-8:00 PM Firehouse Rest., Old Colo City
- January 11<sup>th</sup>                      Camp 676 Meeting  
7:00 – 9:00 Breckenridge Brewery,  
Kalamath Blvd. Denver
- Jan 22, 2011                      Lee/Jackson Banquet  
Village Inn, Castle Rock