



GENERAL ORDERS

*Official Newsletter of R.E. Lee Camp #726 SCV & Samuel Cooper Chapter #105 MOS&B
November 2010*

Camp Website: www.leecamp.org

Annual Christmas Celebration and Dinner Party:

Monday evening December 6th at 6:15 please plan to attend this most enjoyable evening hosted by the MOS&B at the American Legion Post 24 at 400 Cameron Street in Old Town Alexandria with your friends and fellow MOS&B and SCV camp members. There will be caroling, ample tasty vittles, and a complimentary glass of Christmas Cheer (wine or cocktail). Please remember to bring an unwrapped child's gift, for either a young boy or girl costing \$10 or less. These toys will be presented to the Salvation Army for distribution to less fortunate children in our area. Please RSVP to John Lumsden using the form at the end of this newsletter or by phone (703) 549-9625 or email (jrlvdanvscv726@aol.com) and mail him the attached RSVP form with your check for \$25 per person (pp) in your party.

From the SCV Commander, Jim Becker & MOS&B Commander, John Lumsden:

Please checkout our camp website www.leecamp.org and consider providing a picture of your SCV ancestor with a brief bio (see Tab marked "PICTURES OF ANCESTORS"). You can contact me if you need to have your picture scanned if you don't have the capability. Also, camp member Don Hakenson has a new book, "Reminiscences of Frank H. Rahm of Mosby's Command & An Analysis of Ranger John H. Lunceford, Traitor or Coward or Unjustly Accused!" See the "Camp Authors" tab on the website for other books.

We also want to congratulate fellow member, Dr. Jack Phillip London, Executive Chairman, Chairman of the Board CACI International Inc. Dr. London is being honored by the Washington Business Hall of Fame as he will be inducted as one of their Five Outstanding Laureates on Tuesday, November 30 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Details can be found at: www.WashingtonBusinessHallofFame.org.

Our November 1st dinner was another success with speaker The Rev. Fr. Alister C. Anderson who gave a passionate discussion that was truly inspirational. The roast beef and southern fried chicken with assorted desserts was phenomenal. Becky Kusserow brought a box full of her tasty and artistic homemade "Battle Flag" cookies for people to enjoy and to take home as keepsakes. I cannot say enough good things about our evening except that we need our members to promote our activities.

We appreciate our members when they exercise good "Southron" hospitality and courtesy by RSVPing when you plan to attend a meeting and honoring your commitment. Based on your input, the camp has to pay for the number of meals planned with the Royal Restaurant. Our price of \$25 pp has not changed in

over 3 years, the value is exceptional, and our speakers well-worthwhile. We encourage you to spread the word, contact your friends, and bring them to boost our attendance and success of each event.

Please come on December 6th and put the following event on your 2011 calendar:

Wednesday evening January 19th at 6:30 please plan to attend the highlight of our social calendar as we celebrate R.E. Lee's 204th birthday at Belle Haven Country Club. Bring and join your friends for an evening of fun, good fellowship, excellent food and drink, an insightful speaker (Gary Thomas Scott to speak on The Spirituality of General Lee, both as Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and as President of Washington College), and period music. You can also help to support the camp and help to cover the cost of our evening's entertainment by having your ancestor listed in the program at either the Patron level of \$100 or Sponsor level of \$50 per ancestor and provide their name, rank, and unit with your RSVP. Look for details in the December General Orders.

From the Adjutant, Joseph Judson (J.J.) Smith III: As your new Adjutant, you should know my contact information: JJ Smith, 401 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3721. Telephone: 703-299-1725. E-mail: jjudsonsmith@verizon.net. Please contact me if you have questions about membership status or any other matter with which I may be able to help (including membership in the MOS&B).

As we enter a new year, take some time to think about who you know that might enjoy attending our events. Explore with them their interest in attending one of our meetings and perhaps joining our Camp. I stand ready to help them with the details of application and research.

R.E. Lee Camp Color Sergeant's Report, Scott Van Ness:

The purpose of the R.E. Lee Camp Color Guard is to display the Colors with dignity and honor at events and ceremonies. The Colors consist of: the flag of the United States, the flag of Virginia, and the flag of the Confederate States. The Confederate Flag of choice is the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia. The Battle Flag is the military flag of the Confederate States. As the Sons of Confederate Veterans is a military heritage organization, it is appropriate that we choose the Battle Flag for display. As long as the Battle Flag is flown freely before the public, we have preserved the honor of the Confederate Soldier. And we have helped preserve our Southern Heritage.

The Sesquicentennial of the War Between The States will begin in a very short period of time. This is the time to step forward and become a member of the Color Guard. The Lee Camp Color Guard needs your help. This is not a burdensome or difficult commitment. In fact, it is very enjoyable. Our presence at events honors our ancestors, as we display the flags they sacrificed so much for. If you wish to feel the excitement at the center of our camp events, join us in the Color Guard. This activity can include young people also, if you know of a suitable individual. Courtesy of the camp, all flags & equipment are provided. A subsidy is provided to complete a uniform. You only have to provide yourself!

If you can cross the line in the sand to become a Color Guard member, contact me at (703) 609-5099 or evanness@earthlink.net. Any questions you have will be answered. There is no better way to fulfill the Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans than to join us and participate in displaying the Colors.

Scott Van Ness, Color Sergeant, R.E. Lee Camp 726

Upcoming Color Guard Activities:

- Lee Banquet; January 19, 2011
- Alexandria's George Washington Birthday Parade; February 21, 2011
- Sesquicentennial Ceremony, Appomattox Statue, Prince and S. Washington Streets, followed by the Confederate Memorial Day Service, Christ Church, Alexandria; May 24, 2011.
- National Memorial Day Parade; May 30, 2011
- 150th Anniversary of the Battle of First Manassas; July 23, 2011

RSVP: for December 6th Annual MOS&B Christmas Dinner at the American Legion Post 24 Hall at 400 Cameron Street at S. Royal St behind Gadsby's Tavern, doors open at 6:15 PM.

Send to:

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Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____
(if we do not already have it)

Total: _____ x \$25 = \$_____ Payable to R.E. Lee Camp #726



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