

# THE CONFEDERATE SENTINEL

*These Dead but Sceptered Sovereigns...*



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## APRIL 26TH AT JOHNSONS ISLAND

In lieu of meeting in Tiffin on Saturday, April 26th, we will be joining the United Daughters of the Confederacy at noon on Johnsons Island for their annual memorial ceremony. I have gotten permission from the park service to induct our newest camp member, Private Casey E. Earl, at the cemetery, but we **will not be permitted to hold a formal meeting there.**

As you know, we are scheduled to hold elections in April. The solution I have come up with is that we will meet at Big Boppers Bones, located at 7581 East Harbor Road (OH-163) in Lakeside for breakfast at 10:00 A.M., conduct our business under suspension of formal rules of order, and be on Johnsons Island by noon for the 1:00 P.M. ceremony.

The restaurant, famous for its chili and excellent breakfasts, is about an hour from Tiffin. If anyone would like to ride with me, your options are to meet at my house at 8:45 A.M. , or I can pick you up: the further south or west of Tiffin you live, the earlier will be the pickup time. Just call me and let me know.

If you intend to attend the ceremony, please wear your very best SCV regalia, Confederate uniform, or "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes. The weather at Johnsons Island in April is very unpredictable, so dress warmly and bring something to stay dry. The UDC generally provide a nice luncheon spread after the ceremony, at which I will give greetings on behalf of our camp.

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## THE COMMANDER'S FIELD DESK



It is with sadness that I report that, shortly after the Division Convention, Compatriot John McAlister let me know that Mrs. McAlister had taken a turn for the worse, and had entered hospice care. Understandably, Commander McAlister suspended his work with SCV in order to attend to his greatest love and foremost concern. As a result, the minutes from the division convention, over which he presided, have not been verified by his signature. I am nevertheless publishing them in this month's newsletter, with the caveat that they are subject to revision pending Compatriot McAlister's review. Please offer your prayers to Compatriot and Mrs. McAlister as they pass through this difficult time.

# DIVISION CONVENTION MINUTES



## Sons of Confederate Veterans

### Army of Tennessee

#### Ohio Division

Meeting in convention at the  
Worthington Inn, Worthington, Ohio  
Saturday, March 22, 2014

**Attending:** See roster of delegates

**Convention called to order at 10:05 a.m.**

#### Welcome

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Salute to the Confederate Flag

**Invocation** – Compatriot Chaplain Don Blankenship, 2Lt. John Bethel Bowles Camp No. 2228.

**Presentation of “The Charge”** – Monty Chase, BG Roswell S. Ripley Camp No. 1535

#### Camp Reports

**Presentation:** Chet Bennett on Brigadier General Ripley

11:55 A.M – Break, walk to Ripley House

12:30 – luncheon buffet

**Business Meeting called to order by Compatriot John McAlister at 1:25 P.M.**

#### BUSINESS MEETING OFFICIAL MINUTES:

Presiding officer: Compatriot John McAlister, Commander, BG Roswell S. Ripley Camp No. 1535, Columbus

Dictating officer: Compatriot Division Commander John Anson, Tapley P. Mays Camp No. 2170, Talmadge

Other Camps represented:

Thomas Patton Camp No. 2021, Boardman, Ohio: Compatriot Mark Hankins

Quantrill’s Raiders Camp No. 2087, Mayfield Heights, OH: Lt. Commander Jesse Ward

2Lt. John Bethel Bowles Camp No. 2228,

Tiffin, OH: Compatriots Henry B. Stobbs, Commander; Jeremy Harpel, Lt. Commander; Don Blankenship, Chaplain; Londell Leapley, Quartermaster

**Order of Agenda:** 2015 Convention; Heritage Committee ; Johnson’s Island; Status of treasury

Compatriot McAlister addressed attendees regarding the division’s purpose. “Why have annual meetings?” he asked. “We all have small camps – Columbus may be the largest camp. To me, we don’t have many pressing concerns... but it is important to have a meeting once each year to ‘rub shoulders’ and share our compatriotism.” Compatriot McAlister briefly discussed the efficiency of having the convention in central Ohio in order to boost attendance. He spent several minutes reviewing the web sites of the various camps. “This is the way of the future,” he told the membership and discussed the importance of establishing a data base of division e-mail accounts in order to do a more efficient job of spreading the word. He then invited Division Commander John Anson to take charge of the meeting.

Commander Anson addressed the importance of compatriotism and fellowship: “We need, with as small a group as we are, to stick together and help one another, to reach out to help one another. ... . If you need help, need turnout, get ahold of me. We will help you.” Commander Anson thanked members who had attended, and complimented camp members.

#### Agenda Items:

**2015 Convention:** Discussion led by Commander Anson regarding who might volunteer to host the 2015 convention, and where would be the most suitable location.

**ACTION:** Compatriot Mark Hankins motioned that the 2015 Division Convention be held in Worthington, Ohio at the Worthington Inn: Compatriot Robert Croye seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Camp 2Lt. John Bethel Bowles offered to host the convention, under proviso that assistance would be offered by the previous host. Compatriot McAlister

graciously extended an offer of advice and assistance.

**Heritage Committee:** Division Heritage Officer Compatriot

Roger Chaffin recently held a conference call with all Army of Tennessee heritage officers. The tenor of the discussion was that SCV wants to move away from confrontational heritage defense. But Roger (Chaffin) wanted everyone to know that if anyone has a heritage violation, he wants to know about it, and he wants to get involved. **NO ACTION.**

#### Johnson’s Island / Camp Johnson:

Discussion led by Commander Anson concerning the status of this year’s event and the need for all camps to participate. “Every camp should send a couple of people every year – it’s our ancestors in Ohio.” Compatriot McAlister brought up the point that a lack of centralized communications has hampered effective coordination of this and other important events, and volunteered to assume responsibility as Division Communications Officer. **ACTION:** Commander Anson appointed Compatriot McAlister to be Division Communications Officer. **ACTION:** Compatriot Stobbs volunteered to contact Compatriot David Lee Allison and Mrs. Allison, who is a UDC member, to find out details about this year’s event. Other discussion centered on how to get MOS&B in Ohio involved. Compatriot Hankins suggested that George Shrader be involved. **ACTION:** Compatriot Stobbs volunteered to contact Compatriot Shrader at the earliest opportunity.

**Status of Treasury:** Commander Anson reviewed the situation concerning the missing Division funds. He stated that Mark Ballard should be holding the accounts but that, after numerous phone messages that have not been returned, he has not been able to contact Ballard. Although it is not certain how much actually should be on hand, Compatriot Anson stated, “There should be a (continued on page 3)



## DIVISION CONVENTION MINUTES, CONT.

few thousand dollars.” Compatriot McAlister joined the discussion by stating that there are two attorneys in his camp who could write a demand letter to Compatriot Ballard. Commander Anson agreed with Compatriot McAlister that this was a good idea, but that in the meantime a solution needed to be found. “we need multiple access to funds – Commander and adjutant.” Compatriot McAlister recited Article IV Section Three of the Division constitution, outlining the duties and responsibilities toward division funds of the division adjutant. Compatriot harpel asked, “Can we get a new account, something, established?” Commander Anson stated that what was more important was to track down such funds as may still exist. Discussion then focused on where the funds were kept – consensus was that the funds were thought to be held by Fifth Third Bank. Compatriot Monty Chase, a professional banker, confirmed that, if a copy of the official minutes was provided to fifth Third bank showing that new signatories had been appointed, the bank would honor those appointments. Commander Anson suggested that, since the current adjutant was ill, that a deputy be appointed for the purpose of establishing new signatories at Fifth Third bank, or such other institution that might be holding the division accounts. He asked Compatriot Stobbs if he would accept the responsibility. Upon Compatriot Stobbs’ consent to so accept such an appointment, Commander Anson acted, towit: **ACTION:** Commander Anson appointed Compatriot Henry B. Stobbs, Commander of Camp 2Lt. John Bethel Bowles No. 2228, to be Lieutenant Adjutant, Ohio Division, effective immediately. **ACTION:** Moved by Compatriot Croye of camp No. 1535, that the Ohio Division, Sons of Confederate veterans, account signatories shall be, effective immediately, Division Commander john Anson and Division Lieutenant Adjutant Henry B. Stobbs. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Mark Hankins, Camp No. 2021. After clarifying discussion the motion passed unanimously.

The agenda being disposed of, commander Anson moved to new business.



### NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Camp Chase: Compatriot Monty Chase spoke about the two upcoming commemorations at Camp chase Cemetery in Columbus. The first will take place on the second Sunday of June, the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. The second event, a wreath-laying ceremony, will take place at noon on December 13<sup>th</sup>, timed to coincide with Arlington Cemetery activities. The wreaths are part ofg the Wreaths across America program. Wreaths cost \$15.00 each to sponsor, and proceeds will go to benefit the Civil Air Patrol. Compatriot Chase discussed having “lived at the end of the street” on which the cemetery is located for 66 years, born and raised in the vicinity of the 2,260 Confederates buried there. “They were loyal to their states, their cause, their blood,” said Chase. Commander Anson asked that camps support this endeavor.

### ADJOURNMENT:

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned on general consent at 2:35 P.M. and closed with a benediction led by Chaplain Don Blankenship. Delegates were invited to remain for social activities.

The preceding is a faithful accounting of the proceedings described, as recorded by the undersigned.

(original signed)

Henry B. Stobbs  
Lt. Adjutant, Ohio Division  
Army of Tennessee, Sons of Confederate Veterans



# SPRING / SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**April 26:** UDC/SCV Johnsons Island Memorial Ceremony, 1:00 P.M. See Page 1.

**Saturday, May 3rd & Sunday, May 4th:** Mansfield, Richland County Fairgrounds: 37th Annual Civil War & Artillery Show

**Saturday, May 17th:** Camp Meeting (location TBD)

**Saturday, June 8th:** Camp Chase Cemetery, 2900 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus. Ceremony, 3:00 P.M.

**Saturday, June 21st:** Camp Cookout and Meeting: Location TBD



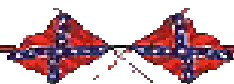
Division Convention, Worthington, Ohio, March 22, 2014. From Top left, clockwise: Chaplain Don Blankenship, Commander Stobbs; Monty Chase (in uniform) and friends; Chaplain Blankenship, Quartermaster Londell Leapley; Historical plaque dedicated to Brigadier general Ripley; Ripley House



## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There were 1308 known Chaplains that served the in the Confederate armies during the war between the states. There were approximately 3,000 Union Chaplains. They were not required to be ordained, but the Chaplain candidate had to have the approval of the regimental officer. This turned out to be a long and troubled process. Many southerner Chaplains lacked adequate training, education and credentials. And some were viewed with disdain, partly because of their conduct. Some of the chaplains duties were: prayer meetings, prayers at dress events, counseling, tending to the sick and wounded, funerals, weddings, baptisms, forming temperance societies, schools for the soldiers, mail duties, writing and reading letters, death notices to families, banker, ambulance and wagon driver, representing soldiers in legal trouble and recruiter. Some sources; Pamela Robinson-Durrs, John W. Brimsfield jr, Herman Morton aut. Rebel Religion

God is Good,  
D.R.Blankenship

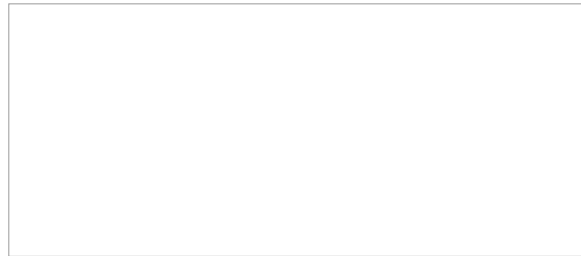


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