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Commander's Letter

Fall is in the air and the Camp continues to march. If I look back, I recognize that the European population often doesn't know the truth of the American civil war history. Therefore it fulfills me with pride that our members converted actively in the last two months the goals of the Camps. Some of these activities you can regain in our newspaper. I hope you enjoy the new issue of the ISE.



Stchim "Strchy" Bänsch

EDITOR'S NOTE

The educational value of this newsletter will achieve maximum importance during the Sesquicentennial years and from the editor to the last contributor, we will have to put every effort to achieve good educational values. CiC Michael Givens said a short time ago during a public speech that education is a critical factor to achieve our goals and that the SCV shall become “**THE** intellectual authority on all the things Confederate”. This is a very high demand, indeed. And this little newsletter will contribute at its very best to this commitment. It was, in fact, from the very beginning that we wanted to educate foreign sympathizers and bring them close to a better understanding of the Cause of the South and deeper knowledge of historical facts. SCV Europe Camp #1612 has already the authority (means privilege and responsibility) of representing in continental Europe the legacy of all the ancestors who fought the American War for Southern Independence. We shall achieve it to be seen as **THE** authority in Europe on everything Confederate – at least as the ones to be contacted in historical questions to provide further contacts and experts. Thus, the Camp has the special responsibility of teaching the legacy of the Southern Cause and all the historical facts associated to that Cause. For that reason, every contributor, either Camp member, associate or friend must be well aware of this duty and commitment while submitting his contribution. Regarding the valor of our ancestors a European newspaper once stated: “The Southerners have shown every characteristic that can mark an independent people. They have made the costliest sacrifices that men can make to assure their freedom from foreign rule, and they have fought for it with a gallantry that has not been surpassed in all the wars of liberation the world has seen....” (The Quarterly Review, “The Confederate Struggle,” London, 1862). Remember that’s the purest truth.

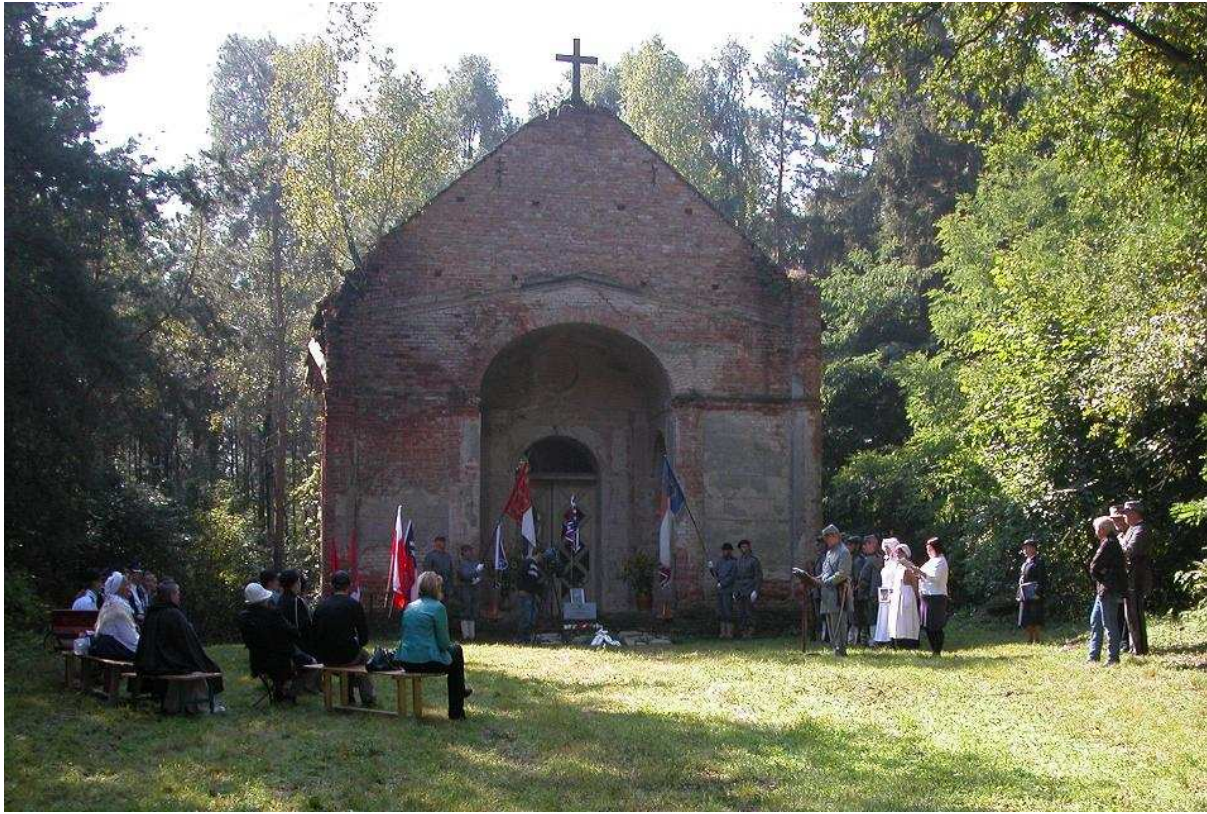
Coming to the content of this issue, read about our second honor ceremony at the gravesite of Heros von Borcke and the first official display of our Camp’s Flag! Any serious reenactor is always aware of the fact that what he is doing is as much about learning and showing out history as re-enacting it. Europe Camp will always have an eye on that and the ISE will introduce serious Confederate-friendly groups in forth going issues. Among our own reenactors, Tom Landgraf has recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of his group, a great event attended by the Camp Commander himself. Tom also introduces his new warhorse. Another interesting reenactment in Belgium was attended by Camp associate Jean-Pierre Lerate. The Confederate Historical Association Belgium had a conference on the Battle of Mobile Bay 1864, read the report of Hubert Leroy about it.

This time the Educational Movies section shows you that Confederate heroism can be found even in more discreet western movies if you keep your eyes and mind open. There is a brief reminder on potential flag misuse by hate groups. The general message of the new SCV Chaplain-in-Chief will complete this issue. And do not forget to order for free an electronic copy of the Confederate Prayer Book for the Camp we are offering in the Camp Library. Enjoy the issue!

Your most obedient servant,

Raphael Waldburg-Zeil
Editor

Now a Camp Tradition:
Return Visit to Colonel v. Borcke, Confederate States Army



The v. Borcke Ceremony 2010

In September, Camp Adjutant Chris McLarren joined the members of the 8th N.C. Infantry, State Troops and returned to Giżyn (former Giessenbrügge), Poland to honor General JEB Stuart's Aide-de-Camp and close friend Colonel Heros v. Borcke. (Commander Archy Bänsch really wanted to come, but a back injury just days before made the trip unadvisable.)

Led by Captain Christian Letz, the North Carolina troops arrived in Friday night and set up camp. With them was "General Tex Bean", long-time leading figure in the re-enactment scene in Germany. The local villagers had already prepared an evening meal in the Community Hall. Then the villagers joined the troops around the campfire for beer and music.

On Saturday, the troops were up early preparing the Camp and their gear. Adjutant McLarren arrived from Berlin in time for breakfast. He and Captain Letz conducted a Tent Inspection and then went through last-minute preparations with Interpreter/Coordinator Karolina Kloda, a physician-in-training who lives in Szczecin but whose parents live in the village. Karolina or "Miss Caroline" as we all called her, speaks excellent English (she studied medicine in the Netherlands) and good German. She was the all-important contact person in the planning.

Polish television arrived during the morning and interviewed (in very good English) both Captain Letz and Adjutant McLarren. Asked why we were doing this ceremony, McLarren said that we honor our forefathers who fought for their freedom, even if they lie far away from America.

At noon, Captain Letz put his people into Parade Formation and marched up to the ruined mausoleum to the waiting Honor Guard.



Attention! Prepare to Move Out!



General Bean and Adjutant McLaren watch the 8th N.C. approach.



Our new Camp Flag, given by Raphael Waldburg-Zeil, above the Cross of Honor.

Town Mayor Glibowska then officially greeted us with warm words of welcome. (She spoke in Polish which was translated into German for our German Re-enactors).



Words of Welcome from Mayor Glibowska

Thereafter, Adjutant McLarren spoke of the reasons we were in Poland to remember a Prussian officer who has fought half-a-world away. – that the South, like Poland, had fought for its freedom, and that we of the South, like the Poles, will never forget those who fought for our independence; nor those, such as Heros v. Borcke, who came to help us.



“We are here today to remember...”

Captain Letz presented Mayor Glibowska a framed photograph of our meeting in 2008 Ceremony, expressing the hope that we have established a tradition for the future.



A 21-gun salute for Colonel v. Borcke.



Our Polish hosts then responded with several songs sung by the local Chorus to accordion accompaniment.



The Troop then smartly retired, flags flying.

By this time, we were starting to get hungry, so we all went to enjoy an excellent lunch which the local ladies had prepared and which we shared with the Mayor and our hosts. After lunch, we were shown a DVD of our previous visit in 2008.



A friendship Lunch in Poland!



**And – of course, the group photo – with Polish and Confederate Flags!
(Captain Letz, 11th from left; Ms Kloda, 5th from right; Bruno Krause, Photographer,
2nd from right)
(Thanks to Bruno Krause “Louisiana Tigers” for his great pictures!)**

That evening, some 50 villagers came out to join us around the Campfire. The North Carolina boys played through a scenario of a guerilla attack on our camp. By the time it was finished, the whole swampy area where the action took place was shrouded in low-lying smoke on this cool September evening. Very realistic, very military. The locals then got the chance to fire off an Enfield or a Springfield. Then we settled back around the roaring campfire over real Polish sausages and beer – and sang Civil War and other American songs. The Poles responded with some of their songs – and we all sang together the John Denver classic “Country Road, take me home.”



Campfire

Next morning, the tents were struck and we each departed for home. We had had a great weekend. We had made solid our friendship with the people of Gizyn who have invited us to come again. Next time (2011? 2012?), it is possible that a Polish Confederate unit will join us and perhaps even a unit from the Czech Republic!

Little did Heros v. Borcke imagine before he died in 1895 that over a hundred years later his home village would be a meeting place for memory and international friendship. But this weekend, when Poles, Germans (and an American) came together in his honor that is exactly what it has become. I am proud we have done this and I hope more Camp and SCV members can join us next time.

Respectfully submitted

Chris McLarren

Adjutant

Here we reproduce the Address by Camp Adjutant Chris Mclarren on the occasion (it was translated into Polish while reading by Mrs. Karolina Kloda):

*Town Mayor Glibowska,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Good Day to You!

I am Christopher McLarren, Adjutant of the Europe Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We are an American national organization of the descendents of the Southern men who fought in the American Civil War 1861-1865.

May I also introduce Captain Christian Letz and the men of the 8th North Carolina Infantry, State Troops.

They are normal civilians, but they have a very special interest in the American Civil War. They are experts on military life during that conflict – and they authentically portray a military unit of that war.

As an American and a Southerner, I am grateful to them for their great interest in our history. It is because of their enthusiasm after the wonderful Polish hospitality of Gizyn at our last ceremony here in 2008, that we have returned today. We hope to continue this new tradition in the future.

All of us wish to thank Mayor Glibowska for her kind words of welcome – and the people of Gizyn for their warm hospitality.

But I think many of you wonder why we are here today to honor a Prussian Officer of the 19th Century, who fought in a war half a world away? Let me try in the next few minutes to explain why we do this.

I come from Washington, the capital of the United States.

Did you know that across the street from the White House in Lafayette Park, there is a statue to the Polish Hero Tadeusz Kościuszko?

Before he led the Poles in the Kościuszko Uprising in 1794, Kosciuszko went to America to help the Americans win their independence from Britain.

Why did the Americans “rebel” against British rule? London ignored their political and economic interests and they did not want to be economic slaves to the English merchants.

Just as the Poles rose in rebellion in 1794, so too the Americans rose in 1776. With French, Spanish and Dutch help, the Americans won their independence – and we remember Kościuszko.

The parts of the new nation were different – the North more commercial, the South more agricultural. To live together in one nation, they agreed that they would decide together about those things which affected them all.

But over the years, the North was more dynamic and grew faster. They began to dominate and to push through laws which were helpful to the North, but harmful to the South -

Laws which sucked millions of dollars of taxes and customs money out of the South and put them in the North.

And a very small minority of people in the North wanted to end black slavery – an idea which threatened the very basis of the social and economic structure in the South.

And, you must know that then – as now – the South was different from the North. In some ways the South in the United States was like Poland in the Russian Empire: a sub-nation, different in many cultural, linguistic and economic ways from the larger unit.

Finally, Southerners felt they were oppressed by the North in the same way their fathers had been by the British. And they saw no way to stop that domination except to do what their fathers did – they peacefully withdrew from the larger political unit and formed their own separate republic – the Confederate States of America.

If the United States had accepted this peaceful separation – as many, many Americans wanted - there would have been no war, no blood and the two countries could have lived peacefully side-by-side like the US and Canada. But Abraham Lincoln - and the New York bankers and Midwest farmers who elected him – did not intend to let the South go. They wanted Southerners to continue buying in New York and Boston – and not start buying from England and France. The bankers wanted the money Southerners owed them. And they didn't want themselves to pay the millions of dollars in taxes which the South had paid before. Lincoln thought a splitting of the United States would somehow be the end of the United States. And so it came to war.

The United States invaded the Confederate States – and my great-great grandfathers and hundreds of thousands of others had to leave their homes - and risk their lives - to defend their country. For four years, the people of the South defended their country and their democratically-elected government against Lincoln's invaders until, finally, they were overrun. Only after the war did Northern Republicans try to justify the War with the myth it was a war against slavery. Most Americans today believe this pleasant myth. But it is a myth.

The Confederate States died 150 years ago under the assault of its enemies but we will never forget their struggle for freedom and we will never forget those like Heros v. Borcke, who left their homes to help us uphold our flag.

Heros v. Borcke was one of many who came to help the South. He was a young Prussian cavalry officer who left his home to find adventure. He slipped through the United States naval blockade of the South. He arrived in Charleston, with no papers and not speaking a word of English.

But he was a trained cavalry officer and he soon became a staff officer with the cavalry in Virginia. He fought alongside some of our most famous Confederate heroes – Jeb Stuart, John Mosby, General Robert E. Lee.

v. Borcke was wounded – a bullet he would carry the rest of his life. When he could no longer serve in the field, our President, Jefferson Davis, sent him to England on a diplomatic mission. He was there when the War ended.

After the war v. Borcke returned here to his home – and proudly flew our Confederate Flag from his house, the ruins of which are just beyond those trees. Von Borcke once wrote "I shall ever rejoice that I drew my sword for the gallant people of the late Confederacy."

Today, we will draw our swords in salute to the gallant von Borcke!

That is why we are here today in Giżyn.

*In the name of Captain Letz and the 8th North Carolina and for me, we say:
Thank you for your warm welcome.*

*Long Live Poland!
Long Live the South!*



DOLGESHEIM 2010

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGCW e.V.

SCV Europe Camp #1612 Full member Tom Landgraf

<http://www.igcwev.de/>

On July 17th 2000 the IGCW (Interessengemeinschaft Civil War e.V.) was founded in Dolgesheim, region of Rein Hessen, by a group of idealistic enthusiasts. We came together because of our interest in the American War between the States and in reenacting camp life and battles in a realistic, serious way. A special emphasis is given to the role of German-American immigrants and the role they played, their technical knowledge and military service.

Reenacting historical events and living authentic camp life are an educational activity and fun; it's suitable for almost every age. We had our first field camp in Wildflecken at fall 2000. For ten years now our group has been present in camps, living history events and battle reenactments.

Public relations work is an important matter to attract people to a rather unknown activity and to teach them History.

Thus, August 13-14 we had our Anniversary encampment, not a reenactment in the very sense of the word, with drill and battles. It was more a socializing among the

members and interested people, including reenactors from other groups, after travelling altogether 150 years back in time.

We had good German beer and the camp kitchen produced „Backeskrumbeere“, (a sort of roasted potatoes with meat, typical for the Rheinhessen area). But comradeship and socializing at the camp fire while remembering all our battles was only one aspect of our anniversary. There was some ceremonial activity too.

Handed out by our Camp Commander, Achim “Archy” Bänsch I received finally my full member certificate, issued by SCV CiC McMichael and signed by him and AiC Simpson, which I embraced full of pride of my ancestor Private Andrew Landgraf, who fought bravely in the 1st Georgia Sharpshooters. In his remembrance I always ride in Confederate uniform, even during most of my other professional activities, including riding lessons, mounted tours, trail riding and mounted nature guide routes, and of course the living History workshops, historical reenactments, Confederate studies, etc.

On my part, I decorated every “veteran” of my group, and the reenactors from other groups in attendance with the special 10th IGCW Anniversary Medal reproduced below, (front side, the Great Seal of the Confederacy, the reverse had the data of our Anniversary):



The Anniversary medal front, a perfect reproduction of the Great Seal of the CSA, was put on the proud chest of the attendants



Above: Thorsten Gerhard and Jürgen Maier (later to be elected Lt. of Artillery), proudly displaying their medals for 10 years of faithful devoted work to serious reenactment in the IGCW e.V.



Other attending participants getting their medal



Commander Bäsch with Tom Landgraf holding his certificate of full SCV membership for his ancestor Andrew Landgraf



10 YEARS IGCW e. V. DEO VINDICE!!!



Commander Archy relaxing and socializing at the camp fire after sunset



Compatriot Landgraf relaxing while enjoying a good cigar and a cup of coffee after a successful 10th anniversary of one of Germany's most serious and successful reenactment groups



THE COMMANDER IN DOLGESHEIM

By Achim "Archy" Bänsch, Commander SCV Europe Camp #1612

I won't forget my participation in the wonderful festivities of the 10th anniversary of the IGCW e. V., indeed. After a 3-hour journey I arrived Saturday noon at Dolgesheim. Our full member Tom Landgraf owns a rural property there, which is used often for living history meetings and was the venue of the celebration.

Much to my surprise I found an already established little "Civil-War-Era" encampment with much field comfort. We got immediately introduced to each other among the attending personnel; a large variety of already well-known friends, several visitors from towns nearby, including children, and many Confederate reenactors, Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry (with their horses). Several reenacting women in period-attire also participated. We had a lot of fun while talking and eating a typical meal of the Reinhausen area. Dancing was the proper of the period. But besides socializing and fun there was a ceremonial part in this Anniversary.



Commander Bänsch, Compatriot Landgraf, relaxing during a talk

Tom Landgraf, in his capacity as president of the IGCW remembered all the good times of the last ten years and the many reenactments fought. Promotions were issued, new recruits accepted into the ranks.

Then the big moment; a special commemorative medal had been made for this day. Every member and guest reenactor in attendance received the medal on his chest, fixed by Tom. I felt pride of our best reenactor while being decorated by him; the medal represents a decade of serious teaching of living history and pretty realistic reenacting in Central Europe.



Our Camp Commander with his Anniversary medal

Then it was my turn. Tom had become a full SCV member in our Camp already time ago, but it was my wish to give him his membership certificate in person and that was the best moment for it! Due to the fact that our Camp is not a local one, but have all of its members dispersed throughout Europe we cannot hold Camp meetings once a month, sometimes even not once a year! Thus, I like to preserve awards and special certificates like this one for special occasions. In front of all of his men I presented Tom his SCV membership certificate.

After the ceremonies we went to party and dance until deep in the night. Next morning we had to strike the tents under heavy rain and at noon the last attendants dispersed on their way home. A fine anniversary it has been. It's my firm intention to attend IGCW meetings at least once a year and I recommend to every reader, Camp member or not, to do the same!

THE WILDFLECKEN REENACTMENT AND MY NEW HORSE

By Tom Landgraf, full member SCV Europe Camp #1612



Tom Landgraf, our leading Scout with his good old horse “Whiskey”

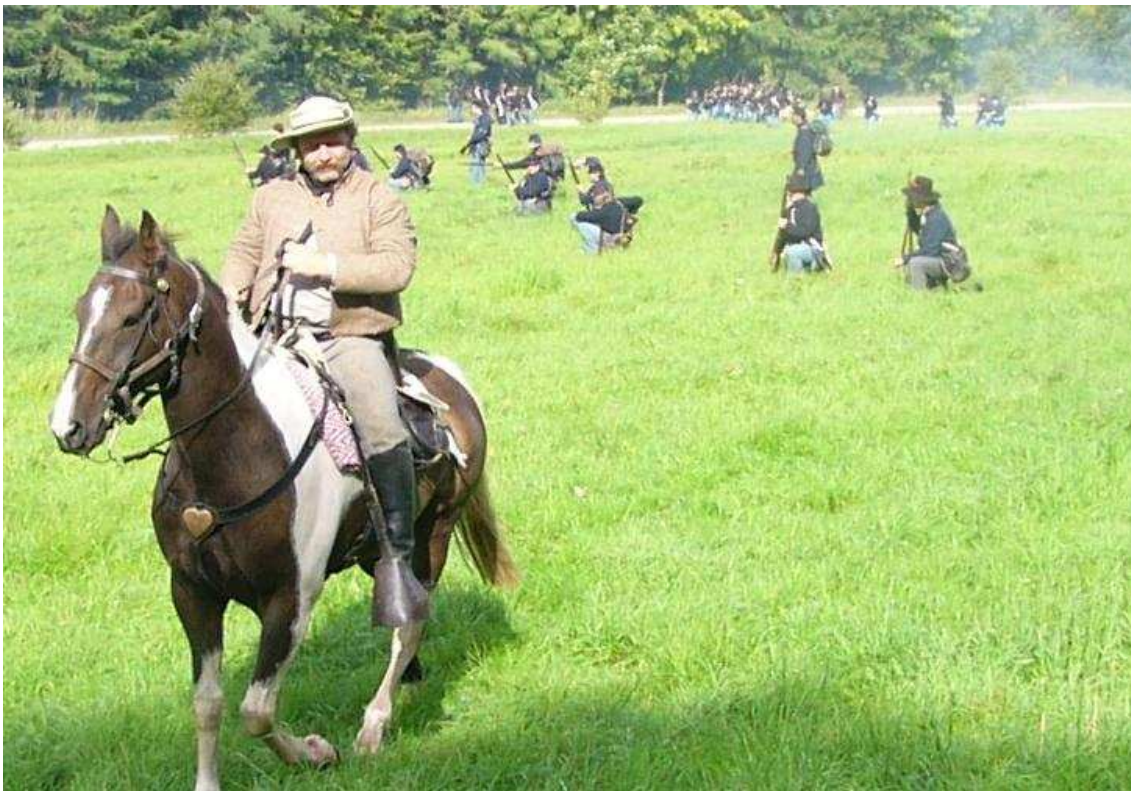
A good reenactment horse needs training and dedication. It must become part of yourself; horse and rider must be one in the field, especially when “seeing the elephant”. To any horse, a reenactment with battle sound, with rifle discharges in continuous volleys, with big gun batteries opening fire in rolling thunder, with rebel yells and much more noise, means stress, at least as much stress as in a real battle. I have always taken care of having my horses well trained and accustomed to very kind of noise.

After many years of faithful service my old horse Whiskey went to a well-deserved retire. During the Wildflecken reenactment this year I had the opportunity of letting my new warhorse Lucky seeing the elephant. Lucky is a 6-year old Tennessee-Walker. I started training with him some two years ago, not only during my professional trail riding tours with visitors but also for scouting-raiding. The horse was quite accustomed to shooting noise because of the special sound made by the protective devices put on the vineyards of the Reinhausen area to protect them from birds. But it is an entirely different thing to be on a “real” battlefield and to smell the powder smoke, see the explosions, gunfire and all the action; for a horse, this is really “seeing the elephant”.

For short, I can tell you Lucky performed well, in rain and sun, he refused only one time but afterwards he even passed behind a firing artillery battery in a distance of less than 10 meters without any hesitation or signs of being nervous. With some further experience Lucky will become a pretty good Cavalry horse!



“Lucky”, the noble newcomer



**Seeing the elephant: Confederate Cavalry after teasing Union skirmishers.
“Lucky” performed to Tom’s entire satisfaction**

WATCHING THE EUROPEAN REENACTMENT COMMUNITY:
LE CARAT CAMP IN BELGIUM

We are always proud to introduce the many reenactment activities of our members and associates. Europe Camp associate Jean-Pierre Lerate (aka General John Virgil Matthews) took part in a reenactment held September 4-5 in Rillaar, Belgium. The intention of this national camp was to gather and bring together for the first time in Belgium several different reenactment units and it was quite a success.

The next encampment is scheduled September 3-4, 2011 and this time every European military unit reenacting the American War Between the States will be invited to attend. This will give Europe Camp a good opportunity to check out the diversity of the European reenacting community. For any interested sympathizer this is the contact address:

Mount Valley Ranch
Jennekesstraat 329D
9202 - Rillaar - Belgium
E-mail: mountvalleyranchbe@yahoo.com

The summer camp was organized by Union reenactor François Le Carat, Colonel 5th US Cavalry, on grounds of his property. The next field camp meeting in 2011 will bring together various Generals commanding Confederate and Union units (see below).



Generals John Virgil Matthews (CSA Europe, “Ross” Brigade), Fanfan (Stonewall Jackson Brigade), US General Lobo (5th US Cavalry), CS General Ben Mc Coy

The reenactment was great for socializing, coming closer among kindred spirits and to coordinate further meetings. Beside drill and sweat in confrontation between “North” and “South”, different friendly contests took place. In a funny competition both sides showed up their power.



Tug-of-war instead of the cold steel: the Confederates won (of course!)



Fistfight to settle arguments: amicable boxing contest (no broken noses)



**Commanding the 5th US Cavalry: General Lobo,
Colonel François Le Carat, host of the camp event**

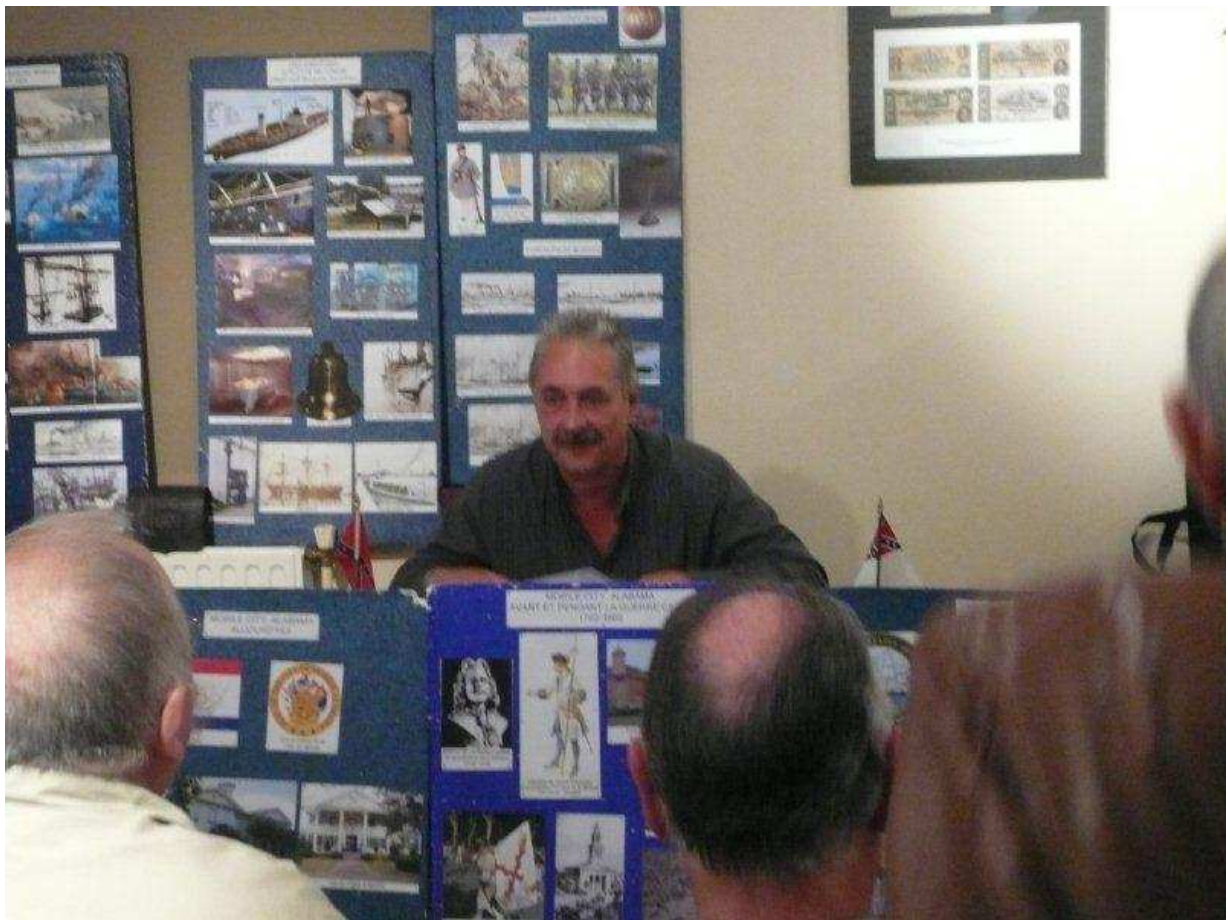


The Confederate Generals greeting one another after the successful reenactment

C.H.A.B. CONFERENCE ON CONFEDERATE HISTORY

By guest writer Hubert Leroy, member of the Steering Committee, C.H.A.B.

Like every month, continuously for 38 years now, the monthly meeting of the Confederate Historical Association of Belgium (CHAB) was held on September 11th in the Musée Communal of Woluwé Saint Lambert in the surroundings of Brussels. The program of the day was a lecture of our good friend and member Jean-Claude Janssens entitled "**THE BATTLE OF MOBILE BAY 1864**".



Jean-Claude Janssens at the beginning of his fascinating lecture

In front of the audience of connoisseurs, Jean-Claude offered us as usual a very brilliant lecture relating to the engagement between the flotillas of Admiral F. Buchanan, CS Navy, and Admiral D. G. Farragut, US Navy. With the help of various maps and very good images the orator explained in full detail the development of the engagement. Many members asked a lot of questions and this led to a variety of interesting discussions up to very late in the evening (around some good bottles of Jack Daniel's).

These kinds of meetings are what we love and we would be pleased to invite every European reader to attend. Good job, well done Jean-Claude!!

Editor's note: We are always glad to see serious historical events taking place in Europe. The Belgian CHAB is a special jewel most appreciated by the SCV and it is not forgotten that they did all the work of finding, cleaning and marking the lost grave of Confederate Commissioner Ambrose D. Mann in Paris (see ISE June 2009 pp. 6-8). By recommendation of Commander Bänisch, Hubert Leroy got the **Advance the Colors Award** from the SCV CiC for that action (see ISE August 2009, p.12).



Listening audience in the conference room, which included appropriate decorations and information panels





Hubert Leroy reenacting as CS Navy officer at Port den Helder (Royal Dutch Naval Base), behind him is a historical ironclad ship



REMINDER: KEEP A VIGILANT EYE ON FLAG MISUSE

Last August 28th the documentary "Nazis in America" was aired by the German TV news channel **n-tv**, a German language version of an original American production by National Geographic. Fortunately there was no anti-Confederate propaganda, linking Nazi paroles to Southern values. However in several scenes and images of Internet pages there was a short view of the Confederate battle flag, not long enough to be harmful to anyone's heart and mind, but we want to repeat it once more: the use of Confederate symbols by Nazis is most repugnant, as stated in our Camp homepage following the official SCV policy on hate groups. We must continue keeping a vigilant eye on what kind of information is offered to the European public and if it includes misleading contents about our heritage. Every Camp member is encouraged to report to the Commander any possible alert either in printed media or aired on TV in his country.



Two pictures taken from the documentary (© National Geographic) Confederate symbols weren't used in any scene. But due to the very negative effects of the visual association of our symbols with such people, every Camp member must be on guard every time, everywhere. And ready to denounce it.





Dear Friends of the South,

It brings me great pleasure to inform you of some exciting news!!

All of the essays posted by TSPR-Online (since January) are now readily available at no cost in the "Archived Essays" area on the new website. You can visit our new website at:

<http://www.thesouthernpartisan.com>

This is an entirely free reading service.

There are many new exciting features being added constantly. We will have presentations, speaker requests, a blog site, and much more to come in the near future.

You can register other email addresses to receive my mailings at any time by using our "subscribe" feature, and order books with our new online bookstore; all of this is available at the above mentioned website.

May God bless you as you read.

Deo Vindice.

Timothy D. Manning
Executive Director
<http://www.TheSouthernPartisan.com>



THE PREACHER'S CORNER

SCV CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Dear Chaplains and Friends:

The Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, meeting in Anderson, South Carolina, July 21-24, was an encouraging time. Conversations with compatriots from various sections of the Confederacy confirmed the importance of our organization in the midst of a land filled with confusion. Our ancestors foresaw the consequences of violating the Constitution and arose to defend individual freedom and State's rights. Almost prophetically, they reasoned from God's Word and from history that a centralized government would degenerate into tyranny. Abraham Lincoln led the way to our present crisis by forcing states back into the "Union" at the point of a bayonet. Robert Selph Henry, in his *The Story of the Confederacy*, said of the surrender of the South's armies, "The old union of states federated together for specific and limited purposes died, to be succeeded by a new nation in which the states, North and South alike, have contentedly sunk from the sovereignty they so jealously maintained in 1787 to become little more than convenient administrative subdivisions of government" (p. 11).

Linked with this unconstitutional Federal usurpation was the leaven of theological heresy. C. Gregg Singer, in his book, *A Theological Interpretation of American History*, observed that the Reconstruction following the war included the propagation of false theology: *[M]any of the mission projects of northern churches [in the south] were thinly disguised agencies for implementing Congressional action and for realizing a democratic type of society, rather than for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These southern home mission agencies all too frequently became the pilot experiments for what, in a few years, would openly be called the Social Gospel [p. 91].*

The "Social Gospel" arose in the early 1900's in major denominations, shifting the mission of preaching the Gospel of salvation through faith in Christ to a salvation of society through humanitarian efforts. Theologians and preachers, following the teachings of Darwinism and Marxism, believed that human effort could perfect society. They surrendered to modern infidelity and embraced the doomed effort of fallen man to perfect himself. The experiment has miserably failed, leaving a trail of crumbling institutions and devastated lives.

While attending the Reunion, I rejoiced to fellowship with many who not only love the history of the Southland, but believe the essential truths of the Christian faith, even as our forefathers did. Here is the hope of our country, a return to the Christianity revealed in the sacred Scriptures. Another joy was hearing Dr. Cecil A. Fayard, who has faithfully served as our Chaplain-in-Chief for many years, lift up the Lord Jesus Christ as he preached at the Memorial Service and the Prayer Breakfast. We are thankful for his example and ministry in our midst. Please pray for our new Commander-in-Chief, R. Michael Givens and his staff. Also, pray for our fellow chaplains and camps throughout our organization.

Yours in Christ's service,
Mark W. Evans

EDUCATIONAL MOVIES

ESCAPE FROM FORT BRAVO (1953)



Plot synopsis: Arizona territory 1863. The small Union outpost at Fort Bravo is facing two threats: it must serve as prison camp for still belligerent Confederate POW's and as cavalry patrol base against rampaging Apache bands. The Southern prisoners are always ready for an escape attempt. Union Captain Roper (William Holden) is introduced as a tough, even ruthless officer, ready to bring back every escaped "rebel" tied like a dog. At the same time he leads patrols against the Indians. Confederate Captain Marsh (John Forsythe) plans a major escape taking several men with him, using Southern belle and agent Carla Forester (Eleanor Parker) during her visit to the Fort's commanding Colonel. Roper falls in love with the Southern belle and feels deeply hurt when he discovers the successful escape of Marsh helped by his sweetheart. More determined than ever before, he starts the hunt for the "rebels". They got caught quite soon, but then the whole group is pinned down by a large band of Mescalero Apaches. Yankees and Rebels no longer exist; the jealous officers and their belle settle peace and fight together for their lives. Before help arrives all but Captain Roper and Carla Forrester will get killed.

Analysis: A standard 1950's western movie by director John Sturges. The major fault is the many mistakes in uniforms and weapons, as it would happen in "The Horse Soldiers" a few years later (this movie will be introduced in the next issue). Captain Roper wears a shield shirt that didn't exist even as non-regulation dress at that time, many cavalry soldiers appear dressed like in the Indian Wars more that a decade later. The sabres are not worn on the belt but added to the saddle, this use was not common yet during the WBTS. The revolvers shown are 1870's Colts. But

some details are interesting enough to be pointed out. The Southern POW's are introduced as a very homogenous group, as they were in reality. The constant disputes among Sergeant Campbell (William Demarest) and Corporal Young (William Campbell) have no meaning; in fact, they will sacrifice their lives to save the whole group while attacked by the Apache – the scene shows Southern valour master class. Main interest of the movie is in the common fight of Southerners and Northerners against the Apache (a similar spirit as shown in the movie "Major Dundee" we analyzed some months ago). Despite that "coming together" Southern spirits come aflame during the fighting:

US Capt. Roper (after Cpl. Young saved his life): Did you fire that shot?

CS Cpl. Young: Yep!

US Capt. Roper: In any other place than this, I'd thank you.

CS Cpl. Young: In any other place, you wouldn't get the chance!

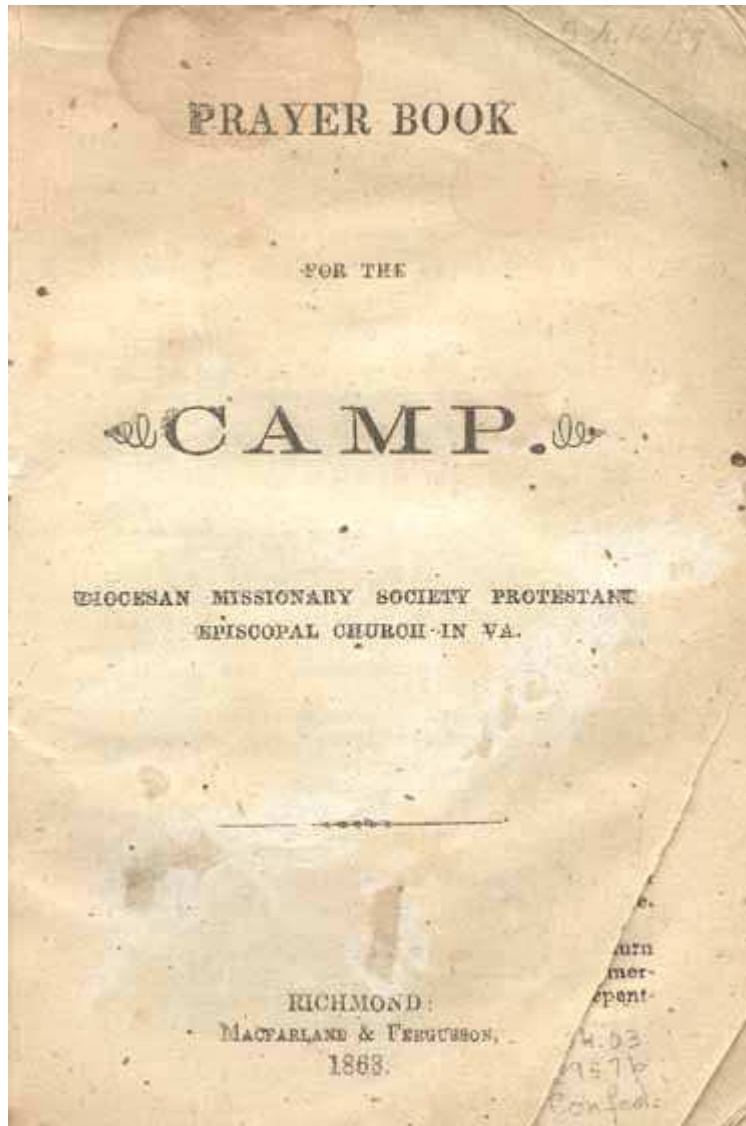
Deadly wounded, Southern gentleman Marsh insists Roper (at gun point) to evacuate Carla, but there is no chance. One member of the escaping team is a known coward, disdained by Confederates and Yankees alike: Bob Bailey (John Lupton), he had fled the group of Capt. Marsh and got caught in a saloon by Roper (the Union Captain already had brought him back in a denigrating way right at the beginning of the movie). But coward Bailey is a Southern soldier who knows his duty and has a sense of honor: he will be the one who takes the only horse, crosses the Apache lines under fire and rides back to Fort Bravo to get help. Think of all that the next time you watch this rather modest western: the Confederates come out as the heroes. The typical 1950's happy end is possible thanks to their sacrifice. This is not a "great" movie, but recommendable entertainment for western-fans.



Captain Roper (left), note the shield shirt, not in use by US Cavalry 1861/65

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Prayer Book for the Camp, 1863



Published by the Diocesan Missionary Society, Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America. Diocese of Virginia, Richmond, 1863.

“O GOD, who are the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (Collect for Peace, page 12)

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LAST MINUTE NEWS:

CAPTAIN LAVIZZO TO GET A VA MARKER STONE IN FRANCE



Our Camp Angel did it again! With Compatriot Rossi as European contact, she did all the paperwork to obtain an official VA marker stone for CS Army veterans to be put on the grave of Captain Giuseppe Lavizzo, probably this autumn. After a long time, the stone has been just delivered and will be installed on his grave in the first weeks of October by Pierre-Philippe Andreu.

So we will soon have news in full detail for you and a report about the marker dedication, both to be published in the next ISE.



Burial place of Capt. Lavizzo (left) located in France and soon to be provided with a VA marker stone.



WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual Capt. Wirz Service will be in Andersonville, GA on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, at 3:00 p.m. every reader of our Camp Newsletter is invited to attend. The guest speaker is Dr. Richard Rhone, MOSB Lt. Commander General, from Tuscaloosa, AL. Attendance of Col. Henry Wirz is not sure at this moment. SCV Lt. CiC Kelly Barrow and Jack Bridwell, GA Division Commander, and David Denard, GA Division MOSB Commander will be there. Some local UDC chapters will send ladies to attend the ceremony. The December ISE will bring out a full report.



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