

Colorado Division

Donald M. Creamer, Commander

I am excited and proud to report that the Colorado Division is in the midst of a strengthening renaissance! Growth, recruiting, new partnerships, graves registration, social media outreach and heritage defense within the Division has blossomed, reaping 19 new members, five FOSCV members, numerous budding alliances and productive working relationships. The newly elected Division leaders, Commander Donald M. Creamer, Lieutenant Commander Patrick Gerity and Adjutant Edgar "Buck" Dugger have committed to "Leading in the Charge" through innovation, outreach and involvement.

The Camps have embarked on an aggressive recruiting, education and outreach effort targeted at gun shows, festivals and presentations throughout the state. Jefferson Davis Camp 175 has represented the SCV at five highly successful SERTOMA Gun Shows in Colorado Springs. Seven new members joined us through these events. The Sterling Price Camp 676 has been active in the Denver and outlying areas with similar events such as the Arvada Gold Festival, Idaho Springs Burro Days and Dynamite Days with good results.

The 2016 Confederate Memorial Day Observation was held on April 23rd at the beautiful Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs. The event was well attended with the memorial service held in the historic chapel that was built in 1874. The cordial staff were very happy to host our event going above and beyond to support the event.

The Division is forging closer alliance and working relationships with the United Daughters of the Confederacy and an American Legion post in the area. The Division leadership joined with the state's UDC chapter to celebrate the Margret Howell Davis Hays Chapter 2652 10th anniversary in Leadville. The UDC ladies are actively engaged in the Division's various observations, banquets and dinners throughout the year as well. Through the work of the Camp 175 leadership, a new and potentially powerful alliance has been forged with the Eric V. Dickerson American Legion Post 1980 in Woodland Park. Post 1980 was instrumental in coordinating the Evergreen Cemetery location for the 2016 CMD observation. The Post 1980 has voiced firm support that "all veterans are American Veterans". The Division hopes to expand this relationship throughout Colorado American Legion Posts.

The Division continues its outreach into the educational arena with Hunley JROTC Awards in the area high schools and the SCV Leadership Awards in the state's universities. This year three awards were presented at Air Academy High School and Dougherty High School in Colorado Springs, and a combined JROTC program of several schools together in Thornton. The Division also presented three awards to US Army and USAF Cadets and one USMC Midshipman at the University of Colorado Boulder Annual Awards Day.

The 14th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet was held at Castle Rock with excellent attendance. This highly anticipated event has been a wonderful opportunity for statewide participation and fellowship. Representatives from the state's Military Order of the Stars and Bars and the UDC shared in the event. The Division Commander gave the State of the Division address outlining the accomplishments, challenges and goals for the Division. One member was inducted into the Knights of the Confederacy.

In an effort take advantage of the burgeoning social media and electronic media resources, the Division has a new website (www.colorado-scv.org) that was totally redesigned with a focus on ease of use, outreach, education and recruitment. This endeavor is ongoing with the last major portion, the graves registration database, being finalized. The two largest Camps, 175 (www.scvcamp175.org) and 676 (<http://sterlingprice676.squarespace.com>), also completely revised and enhanced their individual websites, and added Facebook pages to enhance their outreach capabilities. All of these projects have been very successful and page visits continue to increase weekly.

Though few in number, our devotion to ***The Charge*** is unswerving and unrelenting. Be it known by all that the "Rocky Mountain" Compatriots hold dear the heritage and ancestry of our veterans. We will continue to challenge the myth makers and defend the Confederacy at every opportunity. Deo Vindice!

"The Army of Northern Virginia was never defeated. It merely wore itself out whipping the enemy."
Lieutenant General Jubal Early, CSA

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