2022 MISSOURI DIVISION SCV and MISSOURI SOCIETY MOS&B ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION



"We will remember, Lest they be forgotten"

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Palmyra, MO March 25-26, 2022

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Conference Schedule and Agenda

Friday March 25th

Commanders Reception- Quality Inn #120 Lindsey Drive Hannibal, MO Sponsored by: Spring Cliff Farm-John Stephan Ferguson, Trustee

6:00 PM Commander Reception and Welcome

6:00-6:30 PM Registration, beverages and food provided

6:30 PM Brian Cook Presentation-

Relatives of the 1st War For Independence"

6:45 PM Travis Archie Presentation- "Palmyra POW Murder"

7:00 PM Banjo Music 7:30 PM Social Time

10:00 PM Close Hall

Saturday March 26th

Flower City Park Sesquicentennial building 1034 Johnston Ave Palmyra, MO Reunion Opening Ceremonies and Business Meetings Sponsored by: SCV Mechanized Cavalry Company H

8:00 AM Begin to gather for MO SCV Business Meeting

8:30 –10:30 MO Division SCV Business Session

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45 AM -11:45 AM Missouri Society MOS&B Business Secession

MOSB Luncheon and Keynote Speaker

11:45 to 12:15 PM Teresa Roane- Black Soldiers in the Confederate States Army

12:15 Lunch is served

Afternoon Activities

4:15 PM

1:00 PM	Marion County Jail, Open for Tours- Palmyra, MO	
1:00 PM	Courthouse lawn Monument - Palmyra, MO	
1:00 PM	Outside Jail/Courthouse Displays	
1:00 PM	Court House-Shiny Ball Shot by Porter's Men	
3:45 PM	Fairgrounds-Gather for Ceremony	
4:00 PM	Ceremony and Prayer	

Cannon and Rifle Salute

Saturday Evening Awards Banquet -Flower City Park Sesquicentennial building 1034 Johnston Ave Palmyra, MO

6:00 PM	Social Hour
	Greetings from the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Greetings from the United Daughters of the Confederacy Greetings from the SCV Mechanized Cavalry
6:30 PM	Supper Served
7:15 PM	SCV Keynote Speaker Noted Author Scott Sallee "Joe Porter's War and Palmyra"
8:00 PM	UDC Plaque Presentation
8:10 PM	SCV/MOS&B Charitable Donation
8:15 PM	SCV Awards Presentation
8:40 PM	MOS&B Awards Presentation
8:50 PM	Call 50/50, Raffles/Gun Raffle/Silent Auction
8:55 PM	SCV 2022-2024 Officers Ceremony
	Commander -in -Chief Larry McCluney Jr. Lt. Commander Jason Bosher
9:10 PM	We remember our own SCV members
9:15 PM	Ancestor Candlelight Dedication
9:25 PM	Sing Dixie
9:30 PM	Benediction
10:00 Pm	Hall Closes

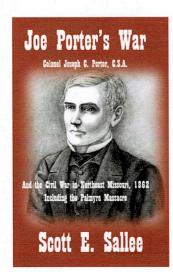
2022 Event Keynote Speakers

SCV Friday Night Commanders Reception
-Travis Archie and Brian Cook

MOS&B Saturday Luncheon-Teresa Roane



SCV Saturday Night Awards Dinner-Scott Sallee



"Scott E. Sallee is a native of Greene County, Ohio, who grew up in Pike County, Missouri. He holds a B.A. in History from Northeast Missouri (now Truman) State University (Kirksville), and an M.A. in History from Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green). Through both parents he is directly descended from several Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veterans, Indian fighters and pioneer settlers of the Appalachia frontier. Through his father he is directly descended from both Union and Confederate veterans of the War for Southern Independence. He served in the U.S. Army, and has worked for the National Park Service at Petersburg, Virginia and Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, and served as Assistant Editor and Advertising Representative for "Blue & Gray" Magazine. He has published numerous magazine articles on historical subjects, including three feature "General's Tour" articles in "Blue & Gray," all on operations in the Trans-Mississippi Theater, one of which dealt with Porter's Campaign and the Palmyra Massacre. "Joe Porter's War" is his first published book. He currently resides in Gallatin, near Nashville, Tennessee, and is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Nashville Civil War Round Table."



Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief



Compatriots,

Thank you for the honor of hosting myself and my wife Annette here in Palmyra, Missouri for the 35th Reunion of the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for a job well done last year and I am looking forward the reunion this year. You Missouri men really know how to put on a reunion.

Members like you have made the SCV the most well-known and recognized organization in the country as the authority on everything Confederate, especially when it comes to fighting for the memory and valor of our Confederate ancestors. Despite what we hear from the press and other sources, we are changing the hearts and minds of this nation's citizens as they realize that an attack upon our Confederate heritage is also an attack upon American History. Southerners have sacrificed and protected this nation throughout its history from General George Washington to Lieutenant Audie Murphy. Look at this nation's heroes and you will find the ranks filled with Southerners. Our government was created by Southerners from the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson and the Constitution written by James Madison to the first 4 out of 5 presidents who were Southerners and others that would contribute to this nation's establishment. This is the very reason why the liberal left hates us and want to retake the south so they can send us through a second "Reconstruction." I am reminded of Jefferson Davis's immortal words at the Battle of Buena Vista "Stand Fast Mississippians, Stand Fast." Now as your Commander-in-Chief, I say to you, we must "Stand Fast" to the principles and virtues that made our ancestors great

There is much enjoyment and fellowship to be held at state reunions, but let us remember that this is also a business meeting with much work to do as you make plans to keep your division advancing the colors. We must always keep in mind what you do here during this reunion is for the benefit of future generations that will perpetuate not only the memory of our ancestors but make this organization stronger. I appreciate all that you do and the sacrifices you make for the Cause and I encourage you to continue.

My staff and I thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. I am always here to serve you. Once again, my wishes for everyone and your families to take home with you not only an enjoyable and successful reunion, but also safe travels home afterwards.

Larry McCluney, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans



Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander



Welcome Brothers and Sisters



Missouri Division SCV Lieutenant Commander



Welcome and Greetings

Welcome to Hannibal and Palmyra, Missouri!

Thank you for attending the SCV & MOS&B state Reunion.

My name is Jeff Futhey. I am the Missouri Division Lieutenant Commander. My job is to oversee the Convention. Working with the Porter Camp and the planning committee has proven fruitful. Expect good food, two different speakers, WBTS Southern history, and plenty of like-minded people to relax with this weekend. We have worked for several months to make the convention enjoyable and memorable.

A little about myself: For the past four years, I have been Adjutant of the Major James Morgan Utz Camp 1815 Florissant, MO. My two-year term as Missouri Lt Commander ends with the 2022 convention. During my term as Lt Commander, I was fortunate enough to visit 14 out of 17 camps in the MO division. One thing I found to be true: the Camp Commanders are the anchor for the local Camps. Visiting Division camps and introducing radio ads produced by Make Dixie Great Again at the Division level has been a significant focus of my term.

Continued enthusiasm to move the convention around the great State of Missouri is being proven by four of our Division Camps. The Cravens and Hughes Camp will host the 2023 Independence, Missouri Division Convention. Another two Camps in southeast Missouri are scouting 2024 reunion ideas.

Glad you all are here in Palmyra, MO. Welcome. Camp Commander Oral Barnes and the committee will see that you and your guests enjoy the reunion.

Best Regards,

Jeff Futhey

Lt Commander

Missouri Division, SCV



Col. Joseph Porter Camp #2055 Commander



Welcome and Greetings

Welcome from the Host Camp Commander

- Compatriots
- On behalf of the host camp for the 2022 Reunion of the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Missouri Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, it is my greatest pleasure to welcome you to Palmyra.

Our members have been looking forward to this event and Honoring our Compatriots and Ancestors. We hope that our preparations will meet your satisfaction and approval. It is indeed an honor to be hosting you for the next couple of days and that we can serve you and the 160th Anniversary of The Palmyra Massacre.

We, the proud descendants of these ten men murdered by union forces on that gloomy October 18th day of 1862, would like to memorialize the sacrifice they paid that day.

We hope you enjoy your stay and visit the historical places from a once treacherous Northeast Missouri.

Most Sincerely,
Oral Lee Barnes, Commander
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Missouri Society, MOS&B Commander



Welcome and Greetings

On behalf of the Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars and its Officers, I bring greetings to each of our members and friends. I also welcome you to Hannibal and Palmyra for our joint 2022 Reunion. We are here this weekend to attend to our Society business, to honor our Confederate heritage, honor our ancestors, rekindle old friendships, and forge new friendships. I also wish a warm welcome to our MOS&B Luncheon keynote speaker Teresa Roane from Virginia. It is an honor to have her here and we are looking forward to her presentation Saturday at noon.

This past year has been challenging once again with COVID issues and the fight to save our Southern heritage in locations throughout our Nation, including our own backyard at Liberty, MO. As true brothers and sisters in the cause, we have seen the members of the MOS&B, SCV, SCV Mechanized Cavalry, UDC, and Daughters of CSA Officers Corps pulling together to save our Southern heritage at all costs. Success will only be achieved if we continue to work together.

This reunion, the Missouri Society will present to our membership proposals for changes to the Constitution and By Laws and we will elect the Society Officers for the next two years. As I step down from my term as Society Commander, I wish to give my endorsement for the Officer slate we will present. They are well qualified and eager to take on the business of the Society and any challenges that lay ahead.

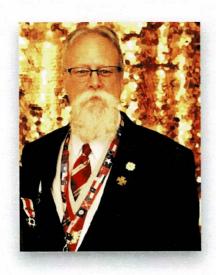
I want to thank each member of the Society for the privilege of serving as your Society Commander. I also want to thank the Officer team for all their hard work to help our Society become one of the strongest in our National Order. We have experienced tremendous growth in our membership with the addition of new Chapters including the Major Samuel S. Hildebrand "Partisan Ranger" Chapter # 314 in Rolla, MO, and the Brigadier General M. Jeff Thompson "The Swamp Fox" Chapter #317 in Cooter, MO. My challenge to the membership is for each of you to recruit one new member in the coming year and help our Society continue to grow.

The last request I have, is to ask the Chapters and the individual membership of the Missouri Society for your support of my candidacy for the Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander MOS&B. The voting will be held during the National Reunion at Pickwick Landing in Counce, TN in July. I commit to working just as hard for continued growth in the Army of Trans-Mississippi Department and the National Order as we have over the last two years in the Missouri Society. I also pledge to be at General Executive Board meetings and National reunions to ensure the Missouri Society and the Army of Trans-Mississippi will always be represented and heard. Thank you once again and may God bless each of you and our beloved Southland in the coming years.

Yours in the Cause,

Missouri Society Commander

Terry R. Phillips



Missouri Society, MOS&B Lieutenant Commander



Welcome and Greetings

Greeting friends and Compatriots,

Welcome to the 2022 Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars Reunion and Annual Business Meetings. This year is the 160th anniversary of the Palmyra Massacre and so we gather in remembrance. Behind the scenes a number of people from both organizations have been working for months with the Col Joseph C. Porter Camp #2055 and Commander Oral Barnes to ensure your weekend is enjoyable, educational, and memorable. I believe we will succeed on all fronts, and we sincerely hope you will come away from this weekend with an appreciation for the trials and sufferings of our people in Northeast Missouri and the price they paid for their allegiance to the Confederate Cause and the Constitution.

The atrocities committed against our Southern ancestors should embolden our commitment and inspire all of us to continue our efforts and dedication to preserving the true history of the Confederate Cause and to honor the men and women of our beloved Southland. In each of the areas of *Missourah* we travel to meet in reunion and attend to our business, there is a story. A story that may not have been known or perhaps not fully known until we gather and learn of the uniqueness of the story of the Southern citizens in that area. We have a common bond that binds us to these stories, it is our ancestors. This weekend you will meet descendants of the men who were murdered 160 years ago. They have not forgotten and we should vow to never forget!

I wish to echo the thoughts of Missouri Society Commander Terry Phillips concerning the absolute importance of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the SCV Mechanized Cavalry, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the National Daughters of CSA Officers Corps, the Order of Confederate Rose and all others that will come along side us in this fight, to continue to work together and strengthen our commitment. A great deal of momentum has been gained in the last few years as we have consciously made an effort to work together and a great deal of opportunity lies ahead in the next few years if we continue those efforts. We do not stand alone when we stand together!

Enjoy the weekend and if I can be of any assitance to you please find me and let me know how I can help you.

Best regards,
Jon E. Trent
Lt. Commander
Missouri Society , Military Order of the Stars and Bars

The Palmyra Massacre

The Palmyra Massacre was a grim ending to Confederate Col. Joseph Porter's 1862 recruiting campaign in northeast Missouri. Besides recruiting local men for the Confederate army, Porter attacked Union outposts and patrols all summer long. In mid-September, Porter led his men to Palmyra where they captured – and later allegedly killed a pro-Union citizen. The next month, on October 18, 1862, 10 Confederate prisoners were executed at Palmyra's fairgrounds in retaliation for the murder.

Col. John McNeil commanded the Union's 2nd Missouri State Militia in Palmyra. Also stationed in Palmyra was the Provost Marshal General for Northeast Missouri, Col.



Old Marion County Jail in Palmyra

William Stracham, who required known and suspected Southern sympathizers to swear oaths and post bonds to ensure their good behavior. One of Strachan's local informants was 60-year-old Andrew Allsman.

Porter Takes Palmyra, Captures an Informer

After a series of mostly successful raids, Porter suffered a major defeat at the Battle of Kirksville on August 6 and disbanded his regiment. He kept about 300 – 400 recruits with him, not far from his Lewis County home. On September 12, while Col. McNeil was away from headquarters, Porter and his men marched almost unopposed into Palmyra. They freed 45 – 50 prisoners and destroyed Strachan's provost marshal records of oaths and bonds. Taking three prisoners of their own, including Andrew Allsman, they returned north to Lewis County. With McNeil in hot pursuit, Porter ordered his men to scatter. He also decided to release Allsman, ordering a detachment of six men to accompany Allsman to a nearby public road leading to Palmyra. What exactly happened to Allsman has never been clearly established, but he was undoubtedly shot and killed by someone.

By mid-October Porter moved the last of his recruits over the Missouri River on the way to Arkansas. About a week earlier Col. McNeil published a notice in the Palmyra Courier demanding Porter return Allsman unharmed to his family within 10 days. If he failed to do so, 10 of Porter's men jailed at Hannibal and Palmyra would be shot. When the 10 days passed with no word from Porter, McNeil directed Provost Marshal Strachan to compile a list of 10 prisoners to face a fireing squad. The execution was scheduled for October 18.

Col. Strachan Selects Prisoners for Execution

Among the 10 Confederate prisoners chosen were Capt. Thomas Sidenor, one of Porter's recruiting agents and who commanded a company at Kirksville; Willis Baker, an outspoken 54-year-old Confederate sympathizer suspected of murdering a Union man; Thomas Humston, at 19 the youngest of the 10, and the only one held as an oath-breaker; and William Humphrey, captured at Kirksville. Fortunately for Humphrey, his wife made a successful plea to Col. McNeil to spare here husband. He was replaced by Hiram Smith. The remaining six men – Herbert Hudson, John Wade, Francis Marion Lear, John McPheeters, Morgan Bixler and Eleazer Lake – had served in Porter's campaign before their capture.

Shortly past noon on Saturday, October 18, three government wagons arrived at the Palmyra jail. One carried four rough wooden coffins and the other two carried three each. The prisoners were led out of the jail and each man was seated on a coffin. The wagons were taken to the amphitheater of the fairgrounds, where the coffins were unloaded and placed in a row with the lids removed. About a hundred spectators gathered. After a prayer by a local Baptist minister, the 10 men sat on the foot of their coffins about 30 feet from the firing squad. All the prisoners were plainly dressed except for Sidenor, who wore a suit and a white vest – the suit he was to be married in.

Sidenor shouted to the firing squad to "aim here" and pointed to his heart. Shortly after 1 p.m. the Baptist minister gave each man a final handshake, followed by Strachan. Willis Baker refused to shake Strachan's hand, telling him contemptuously, "Every dog shake his own paw." Maj. Isham Dodson in charge of the firing squad, called them to attention and gave the orders: "ready, aim – thus perish all traitors to their country's flag – Fire!"

The Palmyra Massacre-cont.

Only Sidenor and two others were killed outright. Six were wounded, and one man wasn't hit at all. Strachan directed a backup squad armed with pistols to finish the gruesome task. The bodies were placed in the coffins and the lids nailed shut. The wagons took the coffins back to the town square to be claimed by relatives.

Col. McNeil left Palmyra before the executions and went to St. Louis to give a newspaper interview explaining his actions. The interview was published in several newspapers, and the executions were condemned in the New York Times and a number of international newspapers. To stop the criticism and show his support for McNeil, Col. Lewis Merrill, commander of the Union District of Northeast Missouri, relieved Strachan as Provost Marshal General, claiming the position was no longer necessary. Col. McNeil was promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers.

Strachan took it upon himself to answer the New York Times criticism of the executions, sending a long letter to the editor titled "The Vinidcation of General McNeil." Another letter (also probably written by Strachan) was sent to President Abraham Lincoln Defending McNeil's actions. Despite these efforts, neither McNeil nor Strachan ever outlived the bitter feelings against them for their part in the Palmyra Massacre.



Honor Roll of Palmyra Massacre Victims

Capt. Thomas A. Sidenor(Confederate)

Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers. Resident of Monroe County - Enlisted as Captain - Commissioned into G Company, 1st Northeast Cav. (Missouri) Note the spelling of the last name. In the newspaper articles they have it spelled as **Sidner** instead of **Sidenor**

Willis T. Baker (Confederate) Service: Col. Porter

Age 60 years. Resident of Lewis County. Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers. He had been accused of being connected with the killing of Ezekiel Pratt, a Union Citizen.

Thomas Humston(Confederate)- 19 years old. Resident of Lewis County. Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers.

Morgan Bixler- Lived in Lewis County-No further information could be found on him.

John Y. Mc Pheeters (Confederate) - Resident of Lewis County.

Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers. His body was claimed by the family.

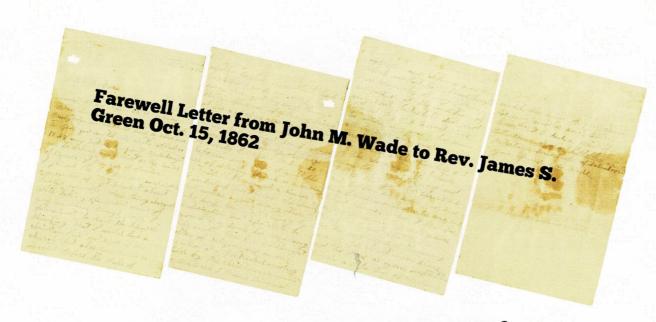
Hiram Smith(Confederate) - Enlisted as Private into B Company, 10th Cavalry, MO, note the spelling Hiram instead of Hiran -Scarcely 22 years old. Buried in little cemetery in Lewis County. The headstone reads: Hiram Smith- This Monument is Dedicated to the Memory of Hiram Smith-Who was Shot at Palmyra, Oct. 18, 1862-As a Substitute for William T. Humphrey, My Father

Herbert Hudson (Confederate) - A resident of Ralls County. He formerly had lived in Marion County. Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers.

John M. Wade(Confederate) - A resident of Ralls County. He formerly had lived in Marion County. Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers.

Francis M. Lear(Confederate) an aged citizen of Palmyra

Eleazer Lake(Confederate) - Enlisted as Private into C Company, Snider's Battn Cav (MO) See- also 2nd Regt. N.E. Mo. Cav. Then another record has his name and Imprisoned because they were Southern sympathizers.



Excerpt from European Newspaper November 20, 1862 "We can believe that after the lapse of generations the present animosity may cease to rankle in the hearts of the two nations, and there may be friendly international relations, but political reunion is impossible. If the North thought that reunion was something more than a chimera the war would be conducted as humanely as possible. The object of this unheard-of barbarity must be revenge, or the vain hope of terrifying the South into submission; but whatever the motive or delusion, the conduct is only saved from being thoroughly absurd by being thoroughly "fiendish".

Farewell Letter from Captain Thomas A. Sidner from Military Prison Palmyra, MO Oct. 17-18, 1862

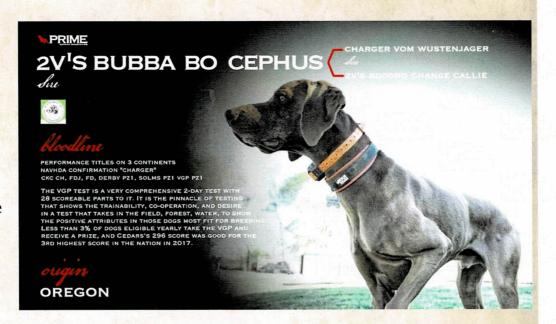
"I have not had a trial and they won't give me any chance for my life. Oh, I hope that God will forgive these unmerciful creatures that will commit the unpardonable act. To take innocent men and shoot them for crimes that they never have done. We are to be shot for one man that J. C. Porter took away from here, a man that I never saw in my life. Oh, is this justice?"

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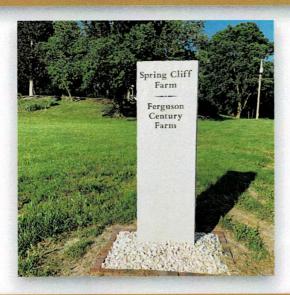
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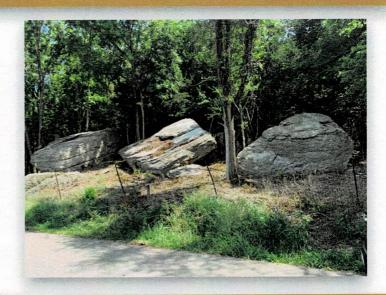


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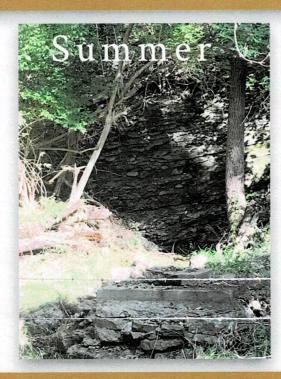
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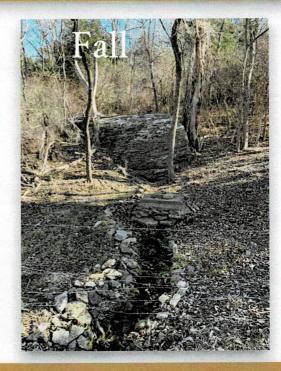
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