

The Orphan Brigade

Newsletter of the John C. Breckinridge Camp 100

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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May Meeting

Our May camp meeting was held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Tates Creek Library at 10:30 am. Our speaker was be Mark S. Carroll. Mark is our compatriot from eastern Kentucky as well as the Kentucky Division webmaster and Chaplain Emeritus of the Kentucky Division. He spoke on the life of John R. Deering. Deering served under John Hunt Morgan and was a prominent member of the United Confederate Veterans here in Lexington. In addition, we had updates on all our camp, brigade and division events including the progress on our plans for the SCV national reunion here, which is fast approaching in July.

National Memorial Day Service in Lexington Cemetery

I invite everyone in this 250th year of our nation's history to honor all our veterans of past wars by attending the national Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery in Lexington Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 11:00 am. After the ceremony we will accompany the members of the Elijah Marris Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honor over to the nearby Confederate lot as they fire their traditional volleys over the graves of our Confederate soldiers to honor them.

Camp 100 Donation for SCV National Museum

For the fourth straight year we have reached our goal of collecting \$1,000 for our National Confederate Museum. I want to thank everyone who has donated to this project over the past year. If you have not visited this museum at our National Headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee, I urge you to put on your list of must see destinations. We have started to raise another \$1,000 for 2026-2027. Just drop your cash or check into our museum donation jar at the meetings or send a check to our Camp Adjutant David Harbolt at 145 Parkview Ave., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

131st National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Marriott-Griffin Gate Hotel, Lexington

The Camp will have a vendor table for our 2026 reunion here in Lexington in July. At this point we have three items for sale, perhaps more. We have received our 250 lapel pins which are reproductions of the membership pins of the Confederate Veterans Association of Kentucky. We began selling these at last month's meeting for \$10 each. The originals were highly prized by the veterans and today sell in the range of \$2,000. Another sale item will be a Lexington Cemetery tour guide booklet to both Union and Confederate gravesites. We will also have a Confederate theme tee shirt to sell. We will need volunteers to help set up, staff the table Thursday through Saturday and also for other hosting duties and take down at the end of the reunion on Sunday. If you can help out for the 2026 reunion on July 14-19 please contact Commander Flora. If you have not registered for the reunion you should do so before the events are filled up. If you want information on all the events and activities you can go to our website at 131scv.org. Check out the new merchandise page on the website. Libation Society memberships featuring our Kentucky Confederate General commemorative bottles from Woodford Reserve distillery are still available. If you have any questions contact Commander Hawkins at scvkybluegrassbrigade@gmail.com.

Camp Projects

Grave marker applications for two Confederate veterans with unmarked graves have been sent into the VA. We are also talking with the Paris Cemetery over possible repairs to the Bourbon County Confederate Monument.

Confederate Memorial Day

Our camp will celebrate Confederate Memorial Day with our annual services at the Confederate lot in Spring Hill Cemetery in Harrodsburg on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Camp Adjutant and Division Chief of Staff David Harbolt will bring the remarks for the occasion. The next day on June 7th, we will join the ladies of Lexington Chapter #12, United Daughters of the Confederacy in the Lexington Cemetery's Confederate lot in section P to hold our annual ceremonies for the Confederate dead at 3:00 pm. As part of the ceremony we will dedicate the restoration work on three of the Confederate markers in the lot which has been a joint project with Lexington Chapter #12.

We will be joined by members of the Marris Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans in a combined honor guard for a firing salute. Camp Commander Sam Flora will be the memorial speaker with music from Mike Grimes. We need Confederate reenactors for this task! Please mark your calendars to attend this most important event.

Coming Events

National Memorial Day service at Lexington Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 11:00 am in honor of our nation's dead.

Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies

Pewee Valley Confederate Home Cemetery on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 11:00 am. This event is hosted by the John Hunt Morgan Camp of Louisville.

Springhill Cemetery Confederate Lot, Harrodsburg on Saturday, June 6, 2026
at 6:00 pm

Lexington Cemetery Confederate Lot, Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

**Remember to register for the 131st National Reunion of the Sons of
Confederate Veterans at the Marriot-Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington July
15-18, 2026!**