

The Orphan Brigade

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Sons of Confederate Veterans

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National Memorial Day Service in Lexington Cemetery

In this 250th year of our nation's history to honor all our veterans of past wars several camp members attended the National Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery in Lexington Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 11:00 am. After the National ceremony we accompanied the members of the Elijah Marris Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War over to the nearby Confederate lot as they fired their traditional volleys over the graves of our Confederate soldiers to honor them. Thanks to our fellow SUV comrades for remembering the Confederate soldiers on that auspicious occasion.

Camp 100 Donations for SCV National Museum

For the fourth straight year we have reached our goal of collecting \$1,000 for our National Confederate Museum. Our check was presented to Executive Director Adam Southern at the National Reunion. In addition, the camp donated an old original oil painting of the famous postwar image "The Warrior's Banner Takes Its Flight to Greet the Warrior's Soul". This painting was purchased by two camp members as a gift from Camp 100. See the attached photo for the presentations. 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 in Lexington

Our National Reunion, hosted by the SCV camps of the Bluegrass Brigade, was a great success. Thanks to our volunteers who helped set up, bringing in and taking out our Cavalry horse and our 12-pound Napoleon cannon and limber, staffing the vendor table Wednesday through Saturday and for many other hosting duties including taking down at the end of the reunion on Sunday. I want to recognize the following Camp 100 members who worked that week to make the reunion a success: Mike Grimes, Tim Hawkins, Greg Cooper, Ron Byron, Evan Miller, Ed Clark, Billy Vaught, Ryan Weber, Jim Bowen, Troy Ballard, Chase Asher, Chris Propes and Walter Bowman. For special recognition of their dedication and hard work over the past two years I want to thank Lt. Commander Bill Newsome, Camp Adjutant David Harbolt and Aide-de Campe Bruce Gibson who put in many hours and took on important responsibilities. We could not have accomplished any of this without the help of our Camp 100 ladies who put in many hours to make the reunion a success. Our sincere thanks goes to Shelly Graves, Charlotte Cummins, Pam Flora, Kim Hawkins, Cindy Vaught and Rhonda Weber for their support. I also want to thank and commend two of our young people who honored our camp, The first is our Camp Color Sgt. Ryan Weber who carried our camp flag in the Parade of Flags during the opening ceremonies. Ryan's great grandfather was a Real Son who was part of our opening ceremony at the 98th Reunion here in Lexington in 1993. His mother Rhonda was a debutante at that same Reunion. The second is Dixie Rose Vaught, the daughter of Billy and Cindy Vaught, who was our camp's debutante at the SCV Banquet and Ball on Saturday evening. See the attached photo.

And last but most importantly we must thank our Bluegrass Brigade Commander and fellow Camp 100 member Kris Hawkins and Shelly Graves for their countless hours of work and the great personal sacrifices they made

over the last two years to make this Reunion happen. No one deserves higher praise than these two people for the success of the Reunion.

Libation Society memberships featuring our Kentucky Confederate General Bourbon Commemorative bottles from Woodford Reserve distillery are still available for purchase though quantity is limited. Contact Camp Commander Flora or Brigade Commander Kris Hawkins for details.

Confederate Memorial Day Celebrated

Our camp celebrated 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 brought the remarks for the occasion. The next day on June 7th, we joined 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 dedicated the restoration work of three of the Confederate markers in the lot which has been a joint project with Lexington Chapter #12. We were joined by our friends of the Elijah Marrs Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans. Camp Commander Sam Flora was the memorial speaker with music from Mike Grimes.

Pewee Valley Marker Dedicated

As part of the Reunion activities a ceremony was held at the Confederate Veterans Home Cemetery in Pewee Valley on July 13, 2026, to dedicate a new grave marker for Samuel Wilson Davis who served in Co. E, 7th Kentucky Mounted Infantry who died at the Confederate Home but was missing a marker. Descendents of Davis erected the stone with assistance from members of the Ben Hardin Helm Camp. The family was there as our camp members served with the Helm camp in the honor guard. Camp Commander Sam Flora spoke on life at the Home, and the Davis family shared his personal history.

August Meeting

Our August camp meeting is set for Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at 10:30 am at the Tates Creek Branch Library. We will be meeting in the smaller room across the hall where we normally meet. We will recap the 2026 Reunion events. A program has not been set at this point.