The Orphan Brigade

Newsletter of the John C. Breckinridge Camp 100
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Lexington, Kentucky
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Editor and Camp Commander

November Meeting

Our November meeting will be held on Saturday Nov. 21st at 10:30 am at the Tates Creek Branch of the Lexington Public Library. We will have updates on Division, Brigade and Camp activities and coming events. Our program will be a DVD presentation The Southern Cross: The Story of the Confederacy's First Battle Flag. **See photo.** Camp elections will also be held. Guests of members are always welcome.

December Christmas Dinner with Marrs Camp

We have again this year been invited to join the Elijah Marrs Camp #5 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at their annual Christmas dinner. The dinner will be held at Rooster's restaurant at Fayette Mall on Saturday, December 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please contact Commander Flora by email at sam.flora@twc.com by December 16th so we may have a number for the dinner.

Fall Bluegrass Brigade Events

The camp participated in our brigade activities at the Perryville Battlefield Park in September and October. On September 26th we met at the Confederate Cemetery to replenish the tanbark on the cemetery pathway and around the Confederate Monument, cleaned the ironwork on the cemetery gates and fencing. We also replaced the tanbark around the Union monument as an honor to their memory.

On Saturday, October 3rd during the Battle anniversary weekend, we assisted the Park staff with the setup and ceremony for the Grand Illumination to honor the Union and Confederate dead of the battle. Although we did not have our 12 pounder Napoleon, the Lil' Lady to fire salutes this year since she was in a

reenactment at Chickamauga with Camp 100 members there, we witnessed a beautiful sunset before the Illumination ceremony. **See photo**.

Camp 100 Continues Donations for the SCV National Museum

We are working on our fifth consecutive year to raise $1,000 for our National Confederate Museum in Columbia, Tennessee. We have met our goal every year and so far we have raised $373 toward our new goal. Just drop your cash or check into our museum donation jar at our meetings or you can send a check made out to John C. Breckinridge Camp 100 to our Camp Adjutant David Harbolt, 145 Parkview Ave., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Brigade Celebration

The Bluegrass Brigade Lee-Breckinridge-Jackson Birthday Celebration will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2027, at 1:00 pm at the Springhill Bed & Breakfast, Winery and Vineyard, Bloomfield, KY 40008. The Gen. Ben Hardin Helm Camp is the host for the 2027 event. More details will be out at a later date.

Camp Officer Elections

Camp 100 Elections will be held at the monthly camp meeting on November 21, 2026. Camp Commander and Lt. Commander are the only elected offices within the camp and are for a two year period. If you wish to place a name in nomination you may do so at the meeting before the vote.

Christmas Wreaths

We were unable to have a wreath making get together this year for our Confederate monument's Christmas wreaths. Our camp has purchased wreaths for this season which will be placed at our monuments in Lexington, Georgetown, Frankfort, Perryville, Crab Orchard, Mt. Sterling, Owingsville, Paris, Midway, Versailles, Harrodsburg and Nicholasville. If you wish to help with placing any of the wreaths contact Commander Flora or Adjutant Harbolt. We will have the wreaths ready to go at the November meeting.

Camp Items for Sale

Our reproduction lapel pins of the Confederate Veteran Association of Kentucky are still available for $10. We still have a very few sets of the Kentucky Division reunion pins for $15.00. These cover the years 1996, 1998,

1999, 2000, 2001, 2005 for $15.00. “Orphans Forever” keychains are $5.00. All will be available at the November camp meeting. All proceeds fund our camp activities and projects.

Lexington Cemetery Tour Books

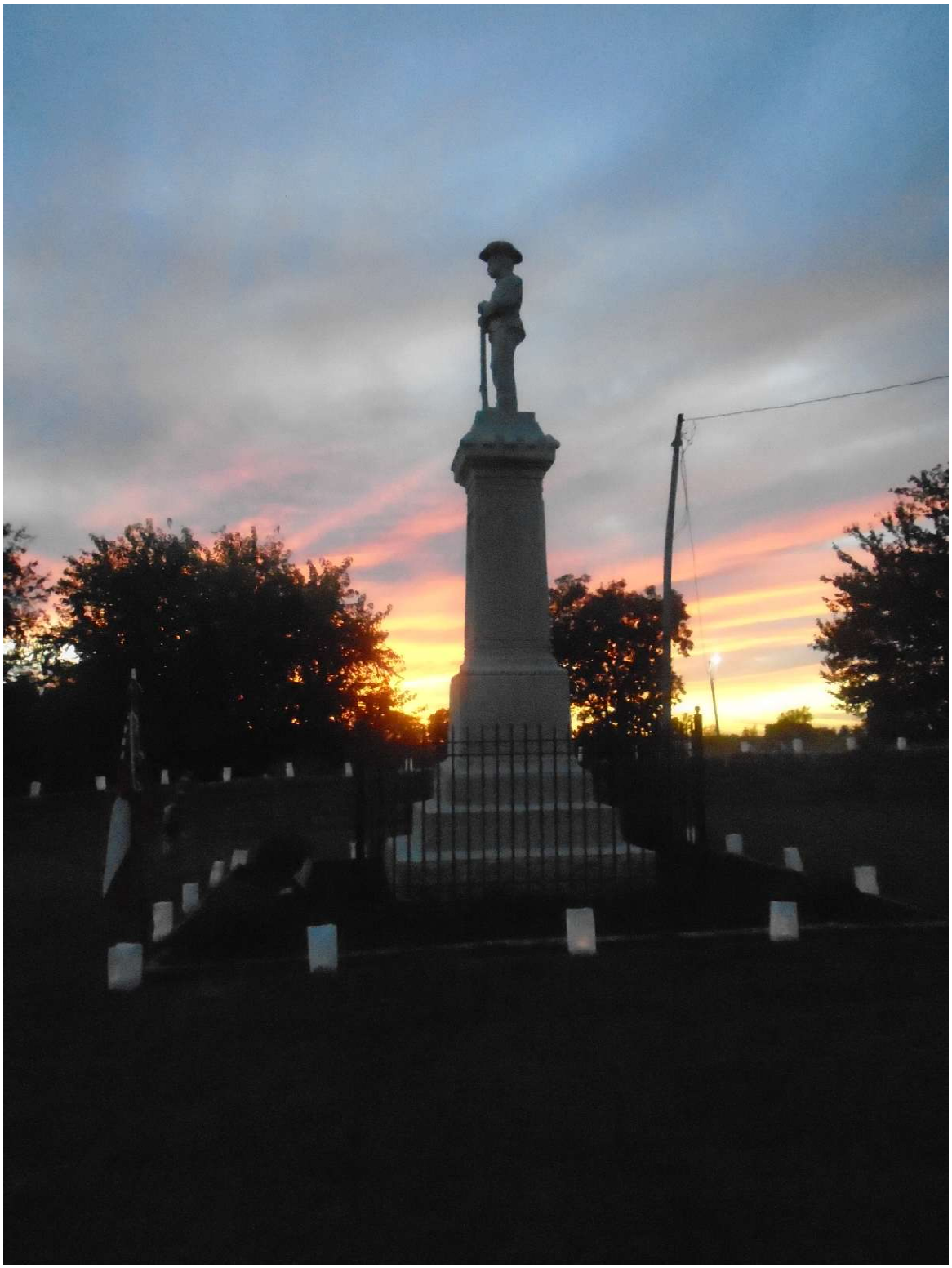
Our revised edition of “Brother Against Brother” Civil War History in Lexington Cemetery: A Tour Guide is available for $15.00. This book is published as a joint project between our camp and the Elijah Marrs Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It contains many fascinating gravesites of the men and women connected with the War Between the States buried in the cemetery with photos of many of the soldiers. This edition contains four new pages left out of the original books sold during the National Reunion. If you purchased one of the original ones, we will be happy to swap your old one for the newly revised edition at no charge. The books will be available at the November meeting. A limited number are available.

Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of compatriot Chuck Sexton who passed away on October 31, 2026. Chuck was with us only a few years but in that time he was an active and dedicated member honoring his Confederate ancestor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Coming Events

November Camp Meeting on 21st at Library
No regular meeting in December
Christmas Dinner with SUV on Dec. 19th
Brigade Celebration Lee- Jackson-Breckinridge Dinner on Jan. 23, 2027



A WITNESSING HISTORY Film



The Southern Cross

The Story of the Confederacy's First Battle Flag



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Special Edition DVD
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