



Confederate Monument
Dedication
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Highlighting the annual reunion of the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans here this weekend, a giant monument memorializing Confederate soldiers will be dedicated tomorrow at Cookeville City Cemetery.

The public is invited to the dedication, slated to begin at 1:15 p.m. according to Ed Butler commander of the Cookeville unit of the SCV the Dillard-Judd Camp.

To reach the dedication site, it would be better to enter the cemetery from the Scott Ave. gates, said Butler.

The 15-ton rock, measuring 12.5 ft. wide by nine-feet high, has been carved in Georgia and is being erected by Vaughn's Monument Works of Cookeville.

A brief program will include a welcome, an artillery salute and Bill Berry of Murfreesboro on the bagpipes.

The Holiday Inn is headquarters for the reunion. An SCV business session is on the agenda for 8 a.m. tomorrow, and an awards banquet tomorrow night at 7.

Honoring Confederate soldiers

Monument dedicated -- Unveiled Saturday at Cookeville City Cemetery was this massive monument conceived by Cookeville's Dillard-Judd Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in honor of the soldiers who served in the Confederate Army, and participating in dedicatory ceremonies were, from left, Michael Bradley, guest speaker; Ed Butler, commander of Dillard-Judd; David Curtis, Camp adjutant; and Jackie Wheeler, chaplain. The result of a two-year, \$12,500 fund-raising campaign by SCV members, the monument is 12.5-ft wide by 9-ft. high; weighs 15 tons; and is crafted from blocks of gray and black granite quarried in Georgia, decorated with flags and symbols emblematic of the Confederacy. * H-C Photos/Shawn Sidwell

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Cookeville SCV honored as 'outstanding' in state
By DAVID C. DANIELS
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Cookeville's Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has for the third year been selected to receive the Sam Davis Award for Outstanding Tennessee Camp of the Year, presented at the recent Tennessee Division Reunion in Cookeville.

The camp was formed only six years ago; this is the highest honor a Tennessee SCV Camp may receive.

The Sam Davis Award is based on the past year's activities, programs, living history presentations and school programs. All camp activities are strictly historical, educational, benevolent, fraternal, nonpolitical and nonsectarian.

To receive this distinction, camp members were involved in more than 60 different historical and heritage events over the past 12 months.

The Highlander Dispatch, the Dillard-Judd Camp newsletter, and its editor, David D. Daniels, were also honored in receiving the Silver Award as the second best newsletter in the Tennessee Division. The judging for the Todd Carter Award is done by an independent panel of print journalists and is based on the following criteria: appearance, layout, readability, camp news, historical content, editorials, and national, division and local news.

The Camp's Website was honored with the Silver Award George Ellsworth Camp Home Page/Website Award; Alan Rader serves as Webmaster. Judging on the Website competition is based on whether it loads and displays easily and quickly; is easy to navigate, is readable and appealing, is consistently updated, is informative, colorful and makes use of active graphics. The Dillard-Judd Camp also received the Silver Award in scrapbook competition.

The Camp would also like to announce that Bill Shuster, publisher, and Charles Denning, editor, of the Herald-Citizen were awarded the Silver Award in the Edward Ward Carmack Media Coverage category.

During the reunion, Cookeville's Edward McNatt Butler was elected commander of the Tennessee Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for 2004 - 2006. As incoming Tennessee commander, Butler appointed David C. Daniels as Communications chairman for the Tennessee Division, which includes a seat on the General Executive Council.

The Dillard-Judd Camp dedicated a monument in Cookeville City Cemetery as part of the reunion festivities. It can be seen on the Scott St. side of the cemetery. Donations came from numerous local citizens and businesses and from 30 states in the union.

The SCV is the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers with members of Native American, African-American, Hispanic and European ancestry and citizenry and continues to serve as an historical, patriotic and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

* If you are interested in information or membership in the SCV, contact the Dillard-Judd Camp at P.O. Box 205, Cookeville, TN 38503-0205 or Ed Butler at (931) 537-3300.

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They're holding the annual Confederate Memorial and Decoration Day over at Cookeville Cemetery this Sunday. The graves of more than 100 Confederate soldiers and their wives will be specially decorated for the remembrance.

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Earlier this week a ceremony was held for veterans of a more recent war. Criminal court Judge John Mitchell lead the ceremony. He's a veteran of the First World War as well as the war just ended, WWII. Also taking part in the ceremony were Wrath Johnson and Joe Conry Jr.

Conry read Longfellow's poem, "The Day is Done." The Cookeville Military Band ended the observance with "Taps." Many of the young men present have not been back from Europe and Pacific very long. Some from here are still there serving in the occupation armies. Some won't be back at all. This week's was the first observance here for them.

'Confederate Memorial Day' observance this afternoon

By DAVID C. DANIELS
Special to the Herald-Citizen

A public ceremony is planned here in Cookeville this afternoon to observe Confederate Memorial Day.

Members of Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Cookeville City Cemetery at West Spring St. at Scott Ave.

Expected to attend this year's service will be George M. Church, commander of the Army of Tennessee, which covers 11 states for the SCV.

"The purpose of Confederate Memorial Day is to honor the memory of soldiers and others who fought, and in many cases died, for a cause in which they believed, the Confederate States of America. The common soldiers and sailors of the Confederate States should be respected for their courage and sacrifices because they were also Americans," said Church.

"It's fitting that Cookeville and Putnam County should remember its sacrifices made during the War Between the States," said Church. "While I am told that the city and county itself escaped the ravages of combat, it lost several of its native sons in battle. Countless others were wounded and disabled."

Capt. Harvey H. Dillard, one of the city's more prominent citizens and the first attorney to practice law in Putnam County, commanded the 16th Tennessee Co. F, known as the "Mountain Regiment" and the "Highlanders."

Dillard spoke of "the agony and hardship" endured at the Battle of Chickamauga, where he said he literally walked over bodies strewn on the battlefield.

Col. Robert D. Allison was elected on June 3, 1854, as Putnam County's first chairman of the Quarterly Court.

Then in March 1862, at age 52, as a colonel for the Confederate States Army, raised a squadron of cavalrymen known as Allison's Tennessee Cavalry Squadron.

The last written report from this squadron was included in a journal entry by Confederate Lt. B. L. Ridley, dated March 27, 1865, stating:

"This afternoon went with General Stewart to the depot, where we found Colonel Allison, a Tennessee Cavalryman, on his way westward with the body of his son, who was killed a day or two ago near Goldsboro trying to rescue some ladies from the clutches of the enemy."

This squadron was reported to have surrendered and to have been paroled on April 9, 1865.

"It is important to remember and honor the sacrifice and dedication of not just these pioneer citizens of our homeland but also the citizen soldiers, not only as a tribute to them but as a reminder of the terrible cost of the failure to resolve differences through peaceful compromise and negotiations," said David Curtis, commander of the Dillard-Judd Camp of the SCV.

"We should continue to move forward in our efforts to respect everyone's heritage, values and beliefs regardless of their race, ethnic background or whatever area of our nation they come from. We can use the experience of our past to build a better future for our country."

The Dillard-Judd Camp is inviting all those that wish to honor an ancestor, the men who fought for the Confederate States or those wishing to preserve the heritage of the

Southern people to the memorial observance which will begin promptly at 2 p.m., rain or shine. Period dress may be worn if desired.

David Daniels holds the office of adjutant and is editor of the award-winning newsletter for the Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 of the SCV in Cookeville.

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David E. Curtis Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **David Eugene Curtis**, 67, of the Bangham Community, near Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, at Dodson Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Dodson Chapel Cemetery in Overton County.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. today, May 28, at the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home; and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, at the church.

Mr. Curtis died suddenly on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, in the emergency room of Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born on March 10, 1937, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Haskell and Bertie Wright Curtis. He was a 1960 graduate of University of Dayton. He served a number of years as Trustee of Plain Township in Franklin County, Ohio. He was a member of Dodson Chapel United Methodist Church, where he served as Chairman of Pastor-Parrish Relations, and was a member of the Algood Lions Club. **Mr. Curtis was co-founder, served as Adjutant, and chaplain, and former Commander of the Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). He was also a former Regimental Commander in the State SCV.**

His family includes his wife of 44 years, Nancy Edwards Curtis of Cookeville, whom he married on Dec. 24, 1959, in Germantown, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Leigh and Gary Wojcik of Round Rock, Texas; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Jodie Curtis of Hartville, Ohio, and Bradley and Beth Curtis of Johnstown, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Russ Cyphers of Cookeville; and four grandchildren, David Edward Curtis Jr., Brittany, Brooke and Bryce Curtis.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Rev. Jackie Wheeler will officiate at the services.

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