The civil war's first martyr:

He was the first Union officer killed in the civil war. Celebrated commander of the elite Chicago Zouave Cadets and close friend of Abraham Lincoln, Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth would expand his zealous company into the Eleventh New York Volunteers when the Union dissolved, better known as the “Fire Zouaves” because of their extensive recruitment from the fire companies of New York.

Yet this man who would become the war’s first hero would never see a battlefield. Sent to Alexandria, Virginia, on 24 May 1861, the day after Virginia citizens voted for secession, On May 24, 1861, the morning of the Federal invasion, Col. Elmer Ellsworth led a contingent of his "Fire Zouaves" to capture the telegraph office. Ellsworth ordered Company E to destroy the city’s railroad tracks to Richmond. Then with eight others, he set off for the telegraph office to cut the wires.

On his way, Ellsworth spotted a Confederate flag defiantly waving from the rooftop of the Marshall House hotel. James W. Jackson, the hotel's proprietor and an ardent secessionist, raised the banner a month earlier during a pro-secession rally vowing that the flag would come down over his dead body. When the Colonel first of all caught sight of the Secession flag, which has so long swung insolently in full view of the President’s House.” Ellsworth proclaimed, “Boys, we must have that down before we return,” eyeing the broad, brazen rebel colors waving from the roof of the three-story Marshall House.

What happened next is civil war legend. Folding the confiscated flag as he walked down the steps from the roof of the hotel.

Using a English double barrel shotgun

James W. Jackson shot Colonel Elmer Ellsworth in the chest at point-blank range, killing him as he descended the stairs of the hotel with the Confederate flag. Cpl. Francis Brownell, (one of Ellsworth's men of Company A), retaliated by fatally shooting the innkeeper James W. Jackson shooting him in the face and bayoneted repeatedly by Brownell, an action that would earn Brownell the Medal of Honor in 1877.
My Fellow Compatriots,

I must begin this month by saying Thank You. Thank you for electing and allowing me to serve as your Division Commander not once but twice. As I step down from the Division's highest office this month and prepare the notes of events that have taken place throughout my tenure, I am thankful for being able to work with such fine people and giving me a most qualified Staff and hard working individuals. I could have never made it through my tenure without their assistance and support.

Lt Div Commander Jack Sanders is always available to assist whenever the call was made for help and advice.

Our Division Adjutant Paul Honaker was always ready to provide the information needed on membership, account information, and anything else I needed within his job duties. With his knowledge of accounting, he brought us from the Red back into the Black making sure monies are available if needed.

Our Division Chief of Staff Jess Estes was always ready and willing to assist in any manner needed and went above and beyond when the call came for him to assist. His letter in last month’s newsletter says it all when speaking about his dedication and love for this organization.

Our Division Judge Advocate Chip Buckner is always ready and willing to explain the language in our constitution when and if in question. Assisting members in properly wording their proposals of amendments to our constitution and advising them if indeed the proposal is necessary.

Past Division Commanders Patrick John Handly Jr, James “Spike” Speicher, Jess Estes, Jon Jenkins, and Charles W Walthall have all assisted me when the need came and I asked. Each one doing their part in making my time go much easier than otherwise might have. A special thanks also to Cmdr Edwin Kennedy, Kevin Ivey, James Guy, Scott Price, and Anthony Eye for their support and assistance with matters both great and small within or outside their camps.

The tasks we encountered were trying at times, and in doing so we learned a lot about each other. I believe the changes we made were for the better and I hope we can continue to advance in not only knowledge of what our Division needs but in membership to make such advances possible.

Within the years of my Command, together we have made project locate something that can be proud of within our Division as well as the SCV as a whole. We have more than tripled our treasury for the Division and been able to continue being active in several projects as a Division and at the individual Camp levels. We have had a regular Newsletter and kept our website updated and open for recruiting purposes as well as informing our members of items needed.

Personally I have enjoyed serving as your Division Commander and have become much closer to each member I have had the pleasure of meeting. I have tried to visit each camp when time was available and given programs to many of them when asked. I feel we have gained a great respect for what our task is within the SCV. I am especially proud to see camps come together that have in the past had issues of recruiting within the same area.

None of this could have been accomplished without the support and willingness of each of our members within the Kansas Division.

Last but not least I thank God for giving me this great opportunity of working for one of the world’s greatest organizations and giving me the ability to continue on when times might have been trying. I only hope we can continue on as the strong Division we are and grow larger in numbers as we move in to the next administration.

Confederatly yours
Denver L Erickson
Past Kansas Division Commander
The Division is still in desperate need of a Webmaster. After our June Convention is concluded, Compatriot Justin Dragonani-Brantigham will resign as The Division webmaster. We have been advertising for a replacement for close to a year with not one coming forward. If this position is not filled, the Division will have no choice but to shut down the website. If you or anyone you know would desire to take this position, contact your Camp Commander or Denver Erickson Ks Div Cmdr.

Maj. Richard Scott Price (Ret USAR) of the Gen Lewis A. Armistead Camp has been moved to Bramlage house in Meadow lark hills in Manhattan for a short time and will be coming home soon.

CORRECTION:
Last month’s newsletter listed Compatriot Mike Weatherby’s birthday as 14 May and member of Maj. Thomas J Key camp on the calendar. The B-Day was correct but he is a member of the BG Albert Pike Camp in Wichita. My apologies

Samantha Jo Erickson, daughter of Div Cmdr Denver Erickson and wife Jo graduated from Topeka High school. She is currently continuing education at Washburn tech for photography, digital imaging, and graphic design.

Confederate Enlistment

New Recruits

Brig.Gen. Albert Pike Camp # 1439

Brig.Gen. Lewis A. Armistead Camp # 1847

None

Col’s Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854

None

Brig.Gen. William Steele Camp# 1857

Major Thomas J. Key Camp # 1920

Vincent J. Lalumondier
Pvt Isral LaRose 3RD Battery Missouri Light

South Kansas Camp # 2064

John A. Rogers
Pvt Josepht Chester Rogers, Company A 42ND VA INF. REG.
Randall Dean Brown
1Lt. Wilson SuageeCompany A Cherokee Mounted Vol
Gary D Norberg
Pvt Ezekiel HardisterCO A 14th NC Inf Reg

Camp Agendas

B.G. Albert Pike Camp # 1439
June 11th. No Report

Lewis A. Armistead Camp # 1847
June 11th. No Report

Col’s Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854
June 18th. No meeting due to State Convention

William Steele Camp# 1857
June 9th. No Report

Maj. Thomas J. Key Camp # 1920
June 2nd. Presentation on Confederate Dear Buried in Union Cemetery

South Kansas Camp # 2064
June 9th “The Battle of Newtonia”

Dispatches from the Front

Intelligence from the Wire… Events in Kansas Division

June 4 Maj. Thomas J. Key Camp participation in Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville, MO, Confederate Home

June 18-19 Maj. Thomas J. Key Camp sponsored reenactment unit (#rd battery MO Light Artillery) participates in Battle of Booneville
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|        |        |         | 1. Lee Crutchfield  
Michael Tucker  
B-Day’s Key Camp  
Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood  
DOB: 1831 Owingsville, KY.  
B.G. John Morgan  
DOB 1825 ALA | 2. **Camp #1920**  
B.G. George Doles  
DOB 1864 near Bethesda Church |        |        |
| 5.     | B.G. William E. Jones  
DOD 1864 Battle of Piedmont  
B.G. Beverly Robertson  
DOB 1827 Amelia County, Va. | 6.     | 7. Ben Crain  
B-Day Key Camp | 8. | 9. **Camp #2064**  
10. Jim Moon  
B-Day Pike Camp |        |
| 12.    | Gen Samuel Cooper:  
DOB 1797 Hackensack, NJ | 13. Mike Cecil  
B-Day Key Camp | 14. Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk  
DOB 1864 Cobb Co GA | 15. | 16. | 17. |
| 19.    |        | 20.     | 21. Lt. Gen Theophilus Holmes  
DOB 1880 Fayetteville, NC | 22. | 23. I.J Fanning  
DOB 1896 New York City, NY |
| 26. Eric Martinez  
B-Day Key Camp  
Paul Honaker B-Day Lewis & Harrison Camp  
DOB 1879 Beaufort, SC | 27. B.G. Junius Daniel  
DOB 1828 Halifax, N.C. | 28. B.G. William T. Wofford:  
DOB. 1824 GA. | 29. | 30. |        |

Red Letters Generals  
Blue Letters Camp Meetings  
Black Letters Camp Members
Ellsworth became famous in the north as the first Union officer to be killed in the war and Jackson become famous in the South as the first patriot killed defending the flag.

When President Lincoln heard the tragic news in the second floor library of the White House later that morning, he stared out the Potomac, telling two gentlemen there on business, “Excuse me, but I cannot talk.” He then burst into tears and covered his face with a handkerchief. After composing himself, he invited his guests to sit down. “I will take no apology, gentlemen, for my weakness; but I knew poor Ellsworth well, and held him in great regard.”

On Lincoln’s orders, Ellsworth’s embalmed body—an uncommon mortuary practice that would be tragically expanded over the next four years—lay in state in the White House. The colonel would also become the first cause celebre of the Union, in northern papers, his image placed on memorial envelopes, his last act lionized memory eulogized in verse, and the 44th New York name, Ellsworth’s Avengers.

Yet beyond visiting Ellsworth’s grave in Hudson View Cemetery in Mechanicville, New York, what else endures of this man? Yes, towns in Michigan and Wisconsin take their name from the colonel, and a good portion of historic Alexandria endures. But the Marshall House at the corner of King and South Pitt Streets was torn down more than half a century ago.

Students of the war in Virginia, however, can view Ellsworth’s well-preserved kepi at nearby Fort Ward and while there see a scrap of the flag the 24-year-old colonel cut down, still stained in his blood. Indeed that flag grabbed lots of attention during and after the war, Brownell’s widow offering cut squares of it for $10-15 each as late as 1894. Other examples are preserved at Bates College in Maine and in the holdings of the Smithsonian’s Museum of American History on the Washington Mall where the double-barreled shotgun James W. Jackson used to kill Ellsworth is also preserved.

But the most enduring item from this tragedy—indeed what many consider the first true war relic of the Civil War—is Ellsworth’s pristinely preserved Zouave uniform—the fatal gunshot hole still visible below the second button above the wearer’s heart on the faded, blood-cleaned wool—on display at the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs, New York. There, visitors can also see the bulk of the secessionist flag the colonel cut down from the pole atop the Marshall House 150 years ago this coming Tuesday.

Francis E. Brownell’s Model 1855 58 cal U.S. percussion rifle
James W. Jackson’s English-made double-barrel shotgun

Photograph taken in 1902 in Dallas, Texas at the Confederate Convention.
Men who served from Henry County, TN.
The Kansas Division will be voting on the following proposed amendments to the Kansas Division Constitution at the Division Convention scheduled for 18 June 2001 in Emporia Kansas. Please look the proposed amendment over and be prepared to vote at the convention. A hard copy will also be sent to each Camp Commander and adjutant thru U.S. Mail to discuss with their camp. This is done in accordance to Article XXVI Amendments Sec 1 of our current Constitution.

This Constitution may be amended at any Division Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation there at provided that the proposed amendments shall have been sent to each Camp in good standing at least thirty days in advance of the Convention.

Proposed Amendment to the Kansas Constitution 2010

Proposal #1 By Kevin Ivey

Current

Article VIII.

Section 9. Membership discipline.
a. The Division Commander may discipline any member of the division for just cause. This discipline may include censure, reprimand, or suspension from duty.
b. The Division Executive Council may hear appeals from members or officers, which have been disciplined by Camps or the Division Commander.
c. The Division Executive Council may discipline any member of the Kansas Division for just cause. Discipline may include punishment up to and including expulsion from membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
d. Division and brigade officers may be removed from office upon the vote of two-thirds of the Division Executive Council.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Article VIII.

Section 9. Vacant

Reasoning: Discipline is already covered in Article XV, thus most of this is redundant and unnecessary. Both A and C is covered by Article XV Section 2 and B is covered by Section 3 The exception being .
d. Division and brigade officers may be removed from office upon the vote of two-thirds of the Division Executive Council. Which should be added to Article XV as Section 8 resulting in.

Article XV Discipline of Members

Section 2. Members may be suspended or expelled from the Sons of Confederate Veterans only upon a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the commission of an act repugnant to this Constitution; provided, that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such members by registered mail, and that the member is given an opportunity to be heard.

Section 3. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to the Division Executive Council and the General Executive Council. A member expelled by a Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp of this Confederation.

Section 8. Division and brigade officers may be removed from office upon the vote of two-thirds of the Division Executive Council.

Proposal #2 By Kevin Ivey

Current

Article XV Discipline of Members

Section 3. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to the Division Executive Council and the General Executive Council. A member expelled by a Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp of this Confederation.

Proposed

Section 3. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to the Division Executive Council and the General Executive Council. A member expelled by a Camp is ineligible for membership in any other Camp of this Confederation.

The current wording (Confederation) is in direct conflict with the National SCV Constitution which states

13. DISCIPLINE AND ADMINISTRATION

13.13 Camps or Divisions may suspend or expel a member from their respective Camp or Division. At this point the member in question is transferred to HQ Camp #584, being that he is no longer a member in good standing of either the Division or a Camp within that Division. If the Camp or Division wishes to have the member expelled from the Confederation, they shall proffer charges to the disciplinary committee within 30 days of the dispensation of the Camp’s or Division’s action.
Excerpt from an address by Col. Robert E. Lee, grandson of General Robert E. Lee at the UCV Convention (June 5, 1917)

During his retirement in the classic shades of Lexington the former commander and chief of the armies of the South was seen on one occasion conversing with some one on his lawn. On entering the house and being asked who it was, he replied: "An old soldier in need." He was then asked to what command he belonged, Gen, Lee's reply was: "I don't know, he was on the other side." On another occasion the General said to a lady who cherished more bitterness than he: "Madam, don't bring your sons up to detest the United States Government. Recollect we form one country now. Abandon all these local animosities and make your sons Americans”.

Excerpt of ADDRESS OF DR. CLARENCE J. OWENS, PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.(June 4, 1917)

“In pledging allegiance to Old Glory, my comrades, we are not untrue to our fathers, for that flag was baptized in southern blood, and the stars added by the South in the field of blue light up the land with the solemn radiance of national glory”.

Excerpt from ADDRESS OF MR. ERNEST G. BALDWIN, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS. (June 4, 1917)

“All hail Old Glory—the Stars and Stripes [applause]—the flag of the greatest nation on God's earth! It's your flag and my flag; some of its stars represent Dixie, and some of its bars stand for the South. It's the flag of Washington, Scott, Joe Wheeler, of Lee and Jackson It's the flag of that great American, Woodrow Wilson…”

KANSAS DIVISION CAMP MEETINGS

GEN. ALBERT PIKE CAMP #1439
LOCATION: Ryan’s Steak House
3323 North Rock Road. Wichita, Kansas
DATE: Second (2ND) Saturday each month
TIME: 11:30 am fellowship 12:30 Meeting

COLONELS LEWIS & HARRISON CAMP #1854
LOCATION: Westside Christian Church,
432 SW Lindenwood, Topeka, Kansas.
DATE: Third (3rd) Saturday each Month
TIME: 10:00am.

GEN. LEWIS A. ARMISTEAD CAMP #1847
LOCATION: Public Library Technical Conference Ctr. Rm.
301 East Elm, Salina, Ks.
DATE: Second (2nd) Saturday each Month
TIME: 1:00-1:30 fellowship, 1:00-2:30 Meeting

MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920
LOCATION: Zarda Bar-B-Q
11931 W 87th St. Lenexa, Kansas.
DATE: First (1st) Thursday each month
TIME: 6:30 pm. fellowship, 7:00pm. Meeting

SOUTH KANSAS CAMP #2064
LOCATION: Rockwell Branch Library Meeting
5939 E 9th Street, Wichita, Kansas.
DATE: Second 2nd Thursday each Month
TIME: 6:00 pm.

GEN. WILLIAM STEELE CAMP #1857
LOCATION: Bann Thai Restaurant
301 S. 4th St., Leavenworth, KS 66048.
DATE: Second (2nd) Thursday each Month
TIME: 6:00 pm. Fellowship 7:00 pm. Meeting